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REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP
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Date: 5/16/2023

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Anderson, Kraig, L.	23-003
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
kraiga@gmail.com	858-357-5100

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
Palmer, Morton, M.		1879 MO

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:

- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:

- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):

- ☑ 1939 & Prior
- ☑ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):
CA

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

Researcher Signature:
Kraig Anderson

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
Lighthouse Service	1912	1942
(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:
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Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks:

SCREENING NOTES

☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed WLL

☐ 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:

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: Palmer Morton M **DOB:** 1879
1912-42 Ferndale CA DOD 1944

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: _____

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 16 1939
SAN FRANCISCO

Palmer

APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE MUST FILL THE FOLLOWING

Name (in full) Morton Marshall Palmer Sex Male

Present address Ferndale Calif. Date of birth Dec 8th 19

Give below all places of residence during the past FIVE years

From-- (Month and year)	To-- Month and year)	Number and Street	City and State
July 1st 24	to Date	Star Route	Ferndale Calif.

Give, in your own handwriting, the information requested below

Have you ever been arrested for any reason whatsoever? No (Yes or no)

If so, give details in space provided below.

Date of Arrest	Age	Charge	Court and Location	Judge	Disposition

No Reply Received from F. B. I.
Apparently No Criminal Record.

Have you ever been fingerprinted? No Where? —

When? — If for the Civil Service, what position? —

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the above statements are complete and accurate in every detail.

U. S. COAST GUARD

Morton M. Palmer
Customary payroll signature of employee

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November 1939

Beatrice Myers Wunderlich
Notary Public

My commission expires 4-16-40

July 1, 1939. Lighthouse Districts No. Eighteenth

consolidated with San Francisco Coast Guard District,

Headquarters San Francisco, California

See U. S. Coast Guard General Order No. 37, dated June 20, 1939.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Morton M. Palmer (Name) — Calif. (Legal Residence)

DATE OF BIRTH 12-8-1879

STATUS

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
4th Asst Kpr.	Prob.	$504	Lighthouses – St. George Ref, Cal.	June 7, 1912.
3rd " "	Prom.	552	" " " "	Aug. 1, 1912.
" "	"	600	" " " "	Mar. 7, 1913.
" "	Trans.	540	" Point Loma, Calif.	Sept. 21, 1914.
Keeper	Increases	720	" " " "	Nov. 1, 1918.
"	"	780	" " " "	Nov. 1, 1921
"	Read. of pay	1020	" " " "	July 1, 1924
"	Trans. & Prom	1140	" Cape Mendocino "	July 2, 1924
"	Readjustment of pay Act - Dec. 6, 1924	1320	" " "	Feb. 1, 1925
"		1380	" " "	July 1, 1925
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1500	" " "	JUL 1 1928
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1560	" " "	JUN 16 1939

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1939

Mr. Morton M. Palmer

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective June 16, 1939.

A new appointment will not be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

OLIVER C. SHORT
Director of Personnel.

JUL 13 1939

From: $1500

To: $1560

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
JUN 24 1939
SHEET NO. 39-139
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 6/15/39
IN FILE F 248.8

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Morton M. Palmer,
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.

CARDED

From: $1380

To: $1500

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
JUL 2 - 1928
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D/1

NAME Palmer, Morton M. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU LIGHTHOUSES STATION 18th District

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

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances Items	Value	Aggregate	As Classified for estimate purposes Service	Grade	Pay	Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Subtracted
780	240	1020	XCR	404.25	1424.25	LHS	4	1200	Yes	60-a	

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23 Approved $1200

GRADE RECOMMENDED 5

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1140 TO $1350

approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee: Furnishes own transportation.

Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $ 5.00 per annum

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

(a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 x9

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

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

(d) College: Name Buchanan College, Troy, Mo. and A.S.Still Osteopathic College, Des Moines, Iowa; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

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

(f) Correspondence courses: Kind International Correspondence School, Custom Service; number of lessons ; number completed courses

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

	Percentage of total time given to each task
1. In charge of station in absence of principal keeper. Stands light and fog signal watches day and night, including Sundays and holidays. Starting and operating plant in foggy weather. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	67%
2. Works with other keepers in general maintenance and repair of station grounds, buildings, landing, machinery, etc. - - - - - - - - - - - - -	33%

...BOARD FORM NO. 1
...out in accordance with detailed instruction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 52

2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
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1. Palmer (Surname) Morton (Given name) M. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouse
4. Field Service Lighthouse
5. (a) Field Station 18th Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Point Loma Light Station
   (c) City or town Point Loma (P.O.) State Calif
6. Pay-roll title Lighthouse Keeper
7. Customary office title First Assistant Keeper
8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day 8 to 10; per week 56 to 70
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ; or per week
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From Average 5 hrs. Time of night changes with watches m. to m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year
   During what months
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation None
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 780.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 780.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate None allowed
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; X ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; X ☐ Fuel; X ☐ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum $164.25 in cash as commutation of rations.
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment Uniform Furnishes own transportation.; annual cost, $ 5.00 per annum
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 X9
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name Buchanan College, Troy, Mo. and S.S.Still Osteopathic College, Des Moines, Iowa
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 X ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind International Correspondence School, Custom Service; number of lessons ; number completed courses
18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

	Percentage of total time given to each task
1. In charge of station in absence of principal keeper. Stands light and fog signal watches day and night, including Sundays and holidays. Starting and operating plant in foggy weather. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	67%
2. Works with other keepers in general maintenance and repair of station grounds, buildings, landing, machinery, etc. - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	33%

19. Does employee work under immed[illegible] supervision, or to a large extent upon his own res[illegible]sibility? (Describe fully.)

Works under immediate supervision of keeper. In absence of principal keeper, works to a certain extent upon his own responsibility, being guided by regulations and District Office orders.

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

In absence of principal keeper, is in charge of station and supervises and directs work of one assistant keeper

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since November 1, 1921.

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

June 1st (Date), 1923. H. W. RHODES (Signature of Preparing Officer) Superintendent. (Title)

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

(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

Educational Training	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		X
Common School	X	

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent Miscellaneous mechanical and heating experience

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 960.00 to $ 1080.00

June 1st (Date), 1923. H. W. RHODES (Signature of head of field office or station) Superintendent. (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

M
r. Morton M. Palmer,
Through the
Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Sir: In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Acting

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 10 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Position: Keeper

Salary: $1320

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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CARDED FEB 10 1925

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

M June 25, 1925.

F. M. M. Palmer,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1320 per annum to $ 1380 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 23 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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(CROSS REFERENCE)

Palmer Morton Jr. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $ 1050, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 1 6 1924 File No. 1095/21.

FORM A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

AMENDED AMENDED COPY

May 20, 1924.

Mr. Horton M. Palmer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1020 per annum to $1140 per annum, effective July 2, 1924 (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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:

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Respectfully,

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED
OCT 8 1924
ON JOURNAL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

SEE AMENDED COPY WASHINGTON May 20, 1924.

Mr. Morton M. Palmer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 780 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective July 1, 1924. (Including $60 per annum longevity pay.)

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:

SEE AMENDED COPY

Respectfully,

MAY 22 1924

SEE AMENDED COPY ANDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

SEE AMENDED COPY

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT.

San Francisco, California, May 14th, 1924.
(City.) (Date.)

1924 MAY 20 AM 11 24

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and Promotion

Name, Morton M. Palmer — Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper — Salary, $900.00 A. (Includes 60 longevity)

Location, Cape Mendocino Light Station Cal — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers

Effective July 1, 1924 — {'the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Former position, Keeper (1st Asst.) — Former salary, $780.00 A. incl 60 pa long

Location, Point Loma Light Station Cal

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

SEE AMENDED COPY

Previous incumbent, Malcolm Cady — Services terminated, June 30,1924.

Reason, Transfer

SEE AMENDED COPY

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, Dec. 8,1879.

Remarks: See Form 73 of this datefor transfer of Malcolm Cady, Keeper, Cape Mendocino Light Station, to First Assistant Keeper, Point Loma Light Station, and letters of Cady and Palmer attached thereto.

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

H. W. Rhodes.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 19 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

CHIEF CLERK

Nov. 3, 1921.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV 12 1921
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of October 22, 1921, advising Morton M. Palmer that his salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service had been changed from $720. per annum to $780. per annum, effective November 1, 1921, or as soon thereafter as he entered on duty, (including $60. per annum longevity pay).

2. The Bureau is informed that Morton M. Palmer entered on duty as keeper in the Lighthouse Service with salary at the rate of $780. per annum, effective November 1, 1921.

H. W. Rhodes.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

NOV 9 1921

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

CARDED

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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October 22, 1921.

r. Morton M. Palmer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $720 per annum to $780 per annum, effective November 1, 1921, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty, (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED OCT 22 1921 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 73 AMG

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., (City.) Oct. 15 (Date.), 1921

1921 OCT 20 AM 8 46

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, **Morton M. Palmer** Legal residence, **California**

Position, **Keeper (1st Asst.)** Salary, **$780. p.a. (Includes $60. per A longevity)**

Location, **Point Loma Light Station** Appropriation, **Salaries of K.K.**

Effective **November 1, 1921** {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (2nd Asst.) Former salary, **$720. p.a.(includes $60. longevity)**

Location, **Point LomaLight Station**

RECEIVED COMMERCE OCT 22 1921 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

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

Previous incumbent, Malcom Cady Services terminated, **October 31,1921**

Reason, **Transferred and promoted**

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OCT 22 1921

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

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

10/22/21

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Chief Clerk, 18th L.H.District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 20 1921

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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LIGHT HOUSES DEC 26 1918

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Morton M. Palmer

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.

Morton M. Palmer

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 10th day of December, A. D. 1918

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Lucile Kincaid CHIEF CLERK

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires January 24, 1922

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Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$720 per annum	Point Loma Lightstation, Cal.,
Former [5] 2nd Asst. Keeper	$540 do	do

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 19, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 1, 1918
In the absence and by direction of the Superintendent

CARDED

W. J. Otter.
(Signature)
1st Asst. Superintendent

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

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

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

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.

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

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED RATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1918.

Mr. Morton M. Palmer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from second assistant keeper at $540 per annum.

(The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $80.)

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

BASIS OF THIS ACTION IS
LETTER DATED 10-30-18
NEW R OF 1095-18
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(Signed) Clifford Hastings
Chief of Appointment Division

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position, (By increase in compensation.)

Legal Residence: California.

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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY. FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS. 8—4789-1

NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Palmer, Morton Modiset

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

18th Lighthouse District

4. Designation of position:

Second Assistant Keeper

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

See 4

6. Annual earnings:

$540.

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ $504. PA

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

Years: 12

Months: 8

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

Missouri

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

Male

14. Date of birth—

Month: December

Year: 1879

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

EIO H4 C4

16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

No

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 3 California

County: Solano

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

CE

21. Place of employment—

City: Pt. Loma L.S. (Point Loma)

State: California.

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

September 23, 1914.

CHIEF CLERK SEP 24 1914 5

Lighthouse Inspector,

San Francisco, Cal.

Referring to Department letter appointing the following-named employee, secure and forward oath of office covering this appointment as soon as practicable. See paragraph "Forwarding oaths and personal question sheets," page 117, Regulations, 1911.

APPOINTMENTS SEP 24 1914 4.20

Name of employee: Morton H. Palmer.

Position: Second Assistant Keeper.

Date of Department letter: July 30, 1914.

(Signed)

J. S. Conway

Acting Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

SEP 23 1914

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. Conway

Acting Commissioner.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES OCT 7 1914

CHIEF CLERK OCT 10 1914

APPOINTMENTS OCT 10 1914

I, Morton M. Palmer

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.

☞ Morton M Palmer
(Appointee signs here)

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[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 24 day of September, A. D. 1914

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. C. Morgan

(Official title) DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO DEPUTY CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 2nd Asst. Keeper	$540 per annum	Point Loma Lightstation, California.
Former[5] 2nd Asst. Keeper	$600 per annum	St George Reef Lightstation, California

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal., (Address) October 1 1914 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on September 21 1914 (Date)

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector,

A. C. Anderson
Superintendent ~~Inspector~~
(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

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

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

11—944

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 30, 1914.

Mr. Morton M. Palmer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from second assistant keeper at $600 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) GEO. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles H. A. Brooke.

Legal Residence: California.

CARDED.

CHANGE REPORTED
AUG 1914
U. S. COMMISSION.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
JUL 31 1914
ON JOURNAL
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

LIGHT JUL 29 1914 HOUSES

San Francisco, Cal., July 23 1914, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK JUL 30 1914

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Morton M. Palmer — Legal residence, California

Position, Second Assistant Keeper — Salary, $540 per annum

Location, Point Loma Lightstation, Cal. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN JUL 30 1914 DEPT OF

Effective August 1 1914 {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

APPOINTMENTS JUL 30 1914

Former position, Second Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $600 per annum

Location, St George Reef Lightstation, Cal.

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

Previous incumbent, Charles H.A.Brooke — Services terminated, about July 31 1914

Reason, Transfer & promotion. as recd

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: This transfer, involving a reduction in Mr Palmer's compensation, is made in accordance with his acceptance in reply to Bureau circular 432. Request notification by wire when transfer is made.

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

H. W. Rhodes.
Inspector

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

7-30-14

JUL 29 1914

Acting Commissioner

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

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February 18, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the Eighteenth Inspector's recommendations of the 11th instant for the promotions of Messrs. Georges Roux, Morton M. Palmer, and Edmond C. Easton to the positions of first, second, and third assistant keeper, respectively, of St. George Reef Light Station, California, effective February 16, 1913, or as soon thereafter as the appointees enter on duty, the Department has to state that as the recommendations were not received at the Appointment Division until today, the appointments have been made effective February 16, 1913, or as soon thereafter as the appointees enter on duty.

(Signed) BENJ. S. CABLE

Acting Secretary.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 31 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
APR 1 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

I, Morton M. Palmer

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.

☞ Morton M. Palmer.
(Appointee signs here)

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
APR 1 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 17th day of March, A. D. 191 3

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) G A Webb

(Official title) Notary Public

my commission expires April 2nd 1916.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 2nd Asst. Keeper	$600 per annum	St. George Reef Lightstation, Cal.
Former[5] 3rd Asst. Keeper	$552 per annum	St. George Reef Lightstation, Cal.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

CARDED.

San Francisco, Cal., (Address), March 25, 1913. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 7, 1913. (Date)

H. W. Rhodes. Inspector
(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

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

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

11—944

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

February 10, 1913.

Mr. Morton M. Palmer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from third assistant keeper at $552 per annum.)

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED FEB 18 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Georges Roux.

Legal Residence: California.

CHANGE REPORTED MAR 1913 O. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES FEB 17 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

AWR-CHS

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., February 11 1913 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Promotion of

Name, Morton M. Palmer appt June 1912 if not rejected Legal residence, California

Position, Second Assistant Keeper Salary, $600 per annum

Title of appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

CHIEF CLERK FOR APPTS. FEB 18 1913 COMMERCE AND LABOR

Location, St.George Reef Lightstation, California.

Effective February 16 1913 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED FEB 18 1913 COMMERCE AND LABOR

Former position, Third Assistant Keeper Former salary, $552 per annum

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Location, St.George Reef Lightstation, California.

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Georges Roux Services terminated ~~,~~ about Feby 15 1913

Reason, Promotion. requested and rec'd

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN FEB 18 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

H.W. Rhodes.

Inspector

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

2-18-13

FEB 17 1913

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
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AUG 26 1912
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF DISBURSING CLERK
RECEIVED
AUG 27 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Carded in the Disbursing Office.

I, Morton M. Palmer,

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.

Morton M. Palmer
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 9th day of August, A. D. 1912

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) E. M. Howe

(Official title) Com'r Commissioner for del Norte Co., California.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Third Assistant Keeper	$552 per annum	St. George Reef Lightstation, Cal.

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

CARDED.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
AUG 27 1912
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT

San Francisco, Cal., August 19, 1912.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 1, 1912.
(Date)

By promotion from fourth assistant keeper at $504 per annum, at St. George Reef Lightstation, Cal.

H. W. Rhodes.
(Signature, followed by title)

Lighthouse Inspector.

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

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

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

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

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

11—944

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

July 16, 1912.

Mr. Morton M. Palmer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Third Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Fifty-two dollars per annum, effective August 1, 1912.

(By promotion from fourth assistant keeper at $504 per annum.)

CARDED.

CHANGE REPORTED
AUG - - 1912
C. S. COMMISSION.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED JUL 16 1912 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) R. C. SHELSB

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Joseph H. Bowen.

Legal Residence: California.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

CHT BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES JUL 15 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., July 8, 1912. , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED JUL 16 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Promotion of

Name, Morton M. Palmer — Legal residence, California

Position, Third Assistant Keeper — Salary, $552 per annum

Location, St.George Reef Lightstation, California.

Effective August 1, 1912 ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. on the actual date of entrance on duty.~~

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO JUL 16 1912 APPTS COMMERCE AND LABOR

Former position, Fourth Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $504 per annum

Location, St.George Reef Lightstation, California.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED JUL 16 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Rank in list of eligibles, — Rating, — Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

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Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Joseph H. Bowen — Services terminated, July 31, 1912.

Reason, Resignation.

Remarks: To be paid from appropriation -"Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses."

E M Fuller

Lighthouse Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

July 15, 1912.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

W Conway

Acting Commissioner.

11—2314

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN JUL 16 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Per

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JUN 17 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1909.

CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
JUN 18 1912
COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

CARDED
CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED TO
JUN 18 1912
APPTS.
COMMERCE AND LABOR
DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
JUN 18 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
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PART I.

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

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

Mrs Montana Modisett Palmer

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

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

Vallejo	California	~~Solano~~ Yolo	Third
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Troy, Lincoln Co, Mo.

6. When were you born?

December	8th.	'79.
Month.	Day.	Year.

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

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

Naval Lodge. No 87. F. & A.M. (Name.) Vallejo. (Number and street.)

(City or town.) California (State or Territory.)

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

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

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

Examination Lighthouse service San. Francisco, Apr. 1. 1912.

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

Yes. Stiff fingers of right hand.

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

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

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

No.

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

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

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U.S.S. Petrel.	Nov 4th 1903.	Oct 5th 1905	Physical disability

16. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

Fireman. Seaman & watchman.

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

Graduate of High school.

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

None.

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

Third grade. Customs service. During summer of 1906.

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

Yes.

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. May 20, 1912.

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Morton M. Palmer.

P. O. Address: St George Ref. Lightstation
City or town.
Crescent City, Cal.
Number and street.
California
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 11, 1912., 19

(Signature) W. A. Moffett.

(Official title) Commander U.S.N., Inspector

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PART II.

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

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

Bureau of Lighthouses, (Bureau or Service.) St.George Reef, Cal. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) I8th (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Fourth Assistant Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. May I4, I9I2.

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

On the date of entering on duty (June 7,I9I2.)

5. State the date of the oath. May 20, I9I2.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. June 7, I9I2.

7. What is his salary? $504 per annum

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6,I896.

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

Selected from eligible register.

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) W. A. Moffett

(Official title) Commander U.S.N., Inspector.

Date: June II, I9I2., 19

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Form 111

Per acts

CHT.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes.)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Morton M. Palmer

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.

Morton M. Palmer

(Appointee signs here.)

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO JUN 20 1912 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR

Sworn (See below.) to and subscribed before me, this[3] 20th day of May, A. D. 1912,

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4](Name) O. L. Ryan.

(Official title) Notary Public in and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

Official Title.	Rate of Pay.	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Fourth Assistant Keeper	$504 per annum	St.George Reef Lightstation, California

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED JUN 20 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal., (Address.) June 11, 1912. (Date.)

CARDED.

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 7, 1912. (Date.)

W. A. Moffett

(Signature, followed by title.)

Commander U.S.N., Inspector.

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

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

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

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

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

Ent'd JUN 19 1912

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

May 14, 1912.

Mr. Morton M. Palmer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Fourth Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Four dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By selection from certificate No. _____, and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

CARDED.

CHANCE REPORTED JUN - - 1912 C. S. COMMISSION

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. BEADLESON.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED MAY 14 1912 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Albert N. Speelman.

Legal Residence: California.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER APPOINTEE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES CHT. MAY 7 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED MAY 14 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., May 2 1912. 191

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED MAY 14 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Probationary appointment of

Name, Morton M. Palmer Legal residence, California.

Position, Fourth Assistant Keeper Salary, $504 per annum

Location, St. George Reef Lightstation, California. (No quarters for family)

Effective**date of Department letter, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO MAY 14 1912 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 1 Rating, Asst.Keeper Percentage, 84.6

Other eligibles considered, Leopold Jordan (accepts) and Charles Anderson (no response)

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Albert N. Speelman Services terminated, April 18, 1912.

Reason, Transfer and promotion.

Remarks: To be paid from the appropriation - Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Preference allowed Morton M. Palmer by C.S.C. March 16, 1912.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED MAY 14 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

**inserted in office of Bureau.

W. C. Moffett,
Commander U.S.N., Inspector.

5/14/12 HRW

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON MAY 11, 1912

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved. Palmer will not be placed on duty until receipt of Department letter of appointment. 11—2314

A. Lawrence
Acting Commissioner

STANDARD FORM 50 (9 PART)
UNITED STATES
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
OCTOBER 1946

FORM APPROVED.
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 50-R064.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT - U.S. COAST GUARD
NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

1. NAME (MR.—MISS—MRS.—FIRST—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST)	2. DATE OF BIRTH	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO.	4. DATE
Palmer, Norton M. (Mr.)	12-8-1879	13	1-10-49

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
AMENDMENT Retirement (Disability)	Close 10-31-43	

FROM		TO
Keeper	8. POSITION TITLE	
Range($1380-1740) Plus $1560.00 per annum)$240 p.a. Qtrs	9. SERVICE, GRADE, SALARY	
U. S. Coast Guard	10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS	
San Francisco, Calif. Cape Mendocino, Calif.	11. HEADQUARTERS	
[X] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL	12. FIELD OR DEPT'L	[ ] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL

13. REMARKS

In accordance with the Comptroller General's Decision B-70029 dated 10-23-47, which reversed Decision A-31594 of 5-28-30, your retirement pay has been recomputed on the basis of the average gross pay (which includes the valuation of quarters for the period occupied) received during the last five years of your active duty. The computation on this basis changes the rate of your retirement pay from $1179.38 to $1359.38, and this notice is issued in order that you may have accurate information as to the rate of retirement pay which you are authorized to receive.

Total Service: 35 years, 2 months, 24 days.

Computation: $1812.50 X 30.0000 ÷ 40) = $1359.38

14. SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION

15. VETERAN'S PREFERENCE							16. POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACTION			
NONE	5 PT.	10 POINT			WWII	WWI	OTHER	NEW	VICE	I. A.	REAL.
		DISAB.	WIFE	WIDOW							

17. SEX	18. RACE	19. APPROPRIATION	20. SUBJECT TO C.S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES—NO)	21. DATE OF OATH (ACCESSIONS ONLY)	22. LEGAL RESIDENCE
M		FROM: Civilian Employees, CG TO:	YES 3-1-26		

☆ U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1947 — 765869

RESPONSE LETTER

RE: Palmer, Morton M.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

DOB: 1208-1879

THE REPLY TO THE INQUIRY WILL BE FOUND IN THE CHECKED ITEM(s).

☒ The attached material is furnished in response to your request.

☐ Your request did not specify a particular Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action. We have attached a copy of the most recent form. If you require another SF 50, please include the date of the SF 50 and the specific action shown on the form.

☐ This transcript of employment (which has been prepared from pay records) is furnished in lieu of an official personnel folder which either was never established or cannot be located. File this transcript as a permanent record on the right side of the official personnel folder established for this employee.

☐ The records of employment with the District of Columbia Government and Defense Non-appropriated Fund activities are not combined with the records of other Federal employment. The attached transcript serves as official documentation of the employee's service in lieu of the folder.

☐ This form has not been notarized as we have no notary available. We have affixed the seal of the National Archives and Records Administration, which is generally accepted as sufficient certification.

☐ We cannot answer questions of a personal nature. Unless otherwise indicated, conduct and performance were satisfactory.

☐ The requested information or document is not in the official personnel folder.

☐ The information you requested is not releasable without either written authorization and signature from the person whose records are involved or proof of that person's death. If you resubmit your request, please return all correspondence.

☐ A search of our records did not reveal a record of the claimed Federal employment. If additional information or documentation can be submitted to verify the information shown in the request or to otherwise support the claimed employment, we will make a further search. If you resubmit your request, please return all correspondence.

☐ Requests involving retirement or insurance information or medical records should be sent to the Office of Personnel Management, Retirement Programs, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415.

☐ Pay claims arising from Federal employment should be sent to the agency out of whose actions the claim arose.

☐ Requests concerning amendment or removal of information in the official personnel folder should be sent to the Assistant Director for Workforce Information, Personnel Systems and Oversight Group, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 7494, Washington, DC 20415.

☐ We do not have the authority to determine civil service status, reinstatement eligibility, or creditability of service. Contact the personnel office with which you are currently employed or seeking employment, or the Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20415. The attached documents or transcript will assist in making such determinations.

☐ The records you have requested are not on file at this Center.

☐ We suggest you contact the address given below/on the attached printout.

☐ The official personnel folder is not at this Center. Please contact the last or current employing agency.

☐ The agency mentioned in your request does not retire personnel records to this Center. We suggest you write directly to that agency.

☐ Your request, along with the necessary documents, has been forwarded to the office that retains legal custody of the record for processing. Please contact that office at the address given below if you have further questions about this matter.

☐ The requested official personnel folder was sent to the address given below on _____. We suggest you contact that office.

Referral address:

Mr. Bruce Palmer
38 Chain of Rocks Road
Old Monroe, MO. 63369

Date: 02/5/2000

L Stokes

For the Chief,
☐ Civilian Operations Branch
☒ Reference Service Branch

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER
(Civilian Personnel Records)
111 Winnebago Street
St. Louis, MO 63118-4199

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

NA FORM 13056 (REV. 3-96)

COSMOS MARINER
destination unknown

U.S. Office of Personnel Management
OPS/EMS Access Unit
P. O. Box 18673
St. Louis, MO 63118

Bruce Palmer
33 Chain of Rocks Road
Old Monroe, Mo 63369

Aug. 23, 1999

I'm seeking information about my great uncle, Morton M. Palmer, for my genealogy research. Morton retired from Lighthouse Service on July 1, 1943 after 32 years of service. His last station of duty was the Cape Mendocino station in California. Any information that you could supply will be deeply appreciated.

Enclosed is the transcript of an obituary for uncle Morton. His brother, Paul Palmer, was my grandfather. Paul's son, Jack Palmer is my father.

Thank You,
Bruce Palmer

Bruce Palmer

County Man Dies in West

Morton M. Palmer brother of Paul Palmer, of Ethlyn died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Ferndale, Cal. about January 4 or 5. Funeral services were held in California on Saturday, January 8.

Capt. Palmer a son of the late James and Plooma Palmer, was born near Ethlyn near the farm now owned by his brother, and lived there until he was about (?) years of age.

On July 1, 1943 he retired from the Light House branch of the government service after having served in that capacity for 32 years. For the past 19 years he had been keeper of the Cape Menondino (Mendocino) station.

He is survived by: his wife, the former Pearle Johnson, of Bowling Green; three brothers, Paul Palmer, of Ethlyn, Henry Palmer, of Excelsior, Minn., and Capt. John Palmer, USNR, Washington D.C., and one sister, Mrs. Pfahler of Evanston, Ill.

The preceding obituary was retyped from an obituary found at the Lincoln County Genealogical Library. There was no indication of what newspaper it came from. 1944 was handwritten at the top of the obituary. Jack K. Palmer, Morton's nephew, said that Uncle Morton had died on a trip to the mountains near his home hence the exact date of his death wasn't known.

Bruce Palmer
6/18/1999

31 January 1949
PA-PA 75

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

Gentlemen:

Reference your file Misc-1322418.

Inclosed is a letter of Mrs. Morton M. Palmer, widow of Morton M. Palmer (deceased), a retired member of the former Lighthouse Service, in which she claims the difference due in retired pay based on gross salary, which includes the amount deducted as a charge for occupancy of Government quarters, over that paid Mr. Palmer on net salary, for the period November 1, 1943, to January 7, 1944, the date of his death. In this connection, reference is made to the Comptroller General's decision of October 23, 1947 (B-70029). Also inclosed is Standard Form 50 (9 Part), describing this retirement. This form shows correct computation of retired pay to be $1359.38 per annum, whereas, for the period November 1, 1943, to January 7, 1944, Mr. Palmer was paid at the rate of $1179.38 per annum - an underpayment of $180.00 per year, or $15.00 per month. Computation of the amount due and appropriation chargeable is as follows:

2041255 - Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1944 - $33.50

For tax withholding purposes, the records of this office do not show the number of exemptions claimed by Mr. Palmer.

Mrs. Palmer's mailing address is 617 East High St., Jefferson City, Missouri, and her claim is forwarded for settlement. No part of this claim has been or will be paid by this office.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

A. F. MACKAY, Lieutenant, USCG
Chief, Pay and Audit Section

Incls:
1. Claimant's ltr dated 9-5-48
2. Standard Form 50 (9 Part)

CC: Claimant
Budget Division, Sta. 6-3

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(PC)

6 October, 1949
CG-75

Mrs. Pearle J. Palmer
617 East High Street
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Madam:

Your letters of March 9, 1949, and July 11, 1949 have been referred to this office by the General Accounting Office for reply inasmuch as your husband Morton M. Palmer was retired from this Service.

In a letter dated 26 August 1949 this office advised you as follows:

> "The record shows that Mr. Morton M. Palmer served as Keeper at various light stations in the Lighthouse Service and the Coast Guard for more than 35 years prior to his retirement on account of disability under the provisions of the Lighthouse Retirement Act of June 20, 1918, as amended, on October 31, 1943.
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> "Under the provisions of the Lighthouse Retirement Act No deductions are made from an employee's salary for retirement purposes, such retirement being in effect an award for faithful service. Consequently, there is no money or fund to the credit of such employees. The Act does not provide for the payment of a pension of any kind to widows or dependents of employees covered by the Act.
>
> "In view of the foregoing we regret to inform you that there is no pension or other benefits due you on the basis of your husband's service with the Coast Guard or the former Lighthouse Service.
>
> "The matter of your rights, if any, as the widow of a disabled veteran should be taken up with the Veterans Administration office in your locality or with the central office of the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C."

Since that letter was forwarded to you, there has been no new legislation that would now entitle you to a pension or other payment from the Coast Guard.

By direction of the Commandant:

Very Truly yours

JJH:dtc JJH

H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

DATE MAILED: 10/7/49 JJH

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25

U.S. COAST GUARD HQTRS.
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CLAIMS DIVISION
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Treasury Department,
United States Coast Guard,
Washington 25, D. C.

Sirs:

There are enclosed herewith for your disposition two letters dated March 9, 1949 and July 11, 1949, wherein Mrs. Pearle J. Palmer, 617 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, makes claim for a pension alleged to be due her as the widow of Morton M. Palmer, deceased, former retired employee of the former Lighthouse Service. The decedent was a former Lighthouse Keeper on St. George's Reef, Point Loma and Cape Mendocino, California.

By a prior settlement, No. 1722928, dated February 14, 1949, an amount was paid to the above claimant, widow, as representative of the estate of Morton M. Palmer, deceased, in the sum of $33.50, representing adjustment of retired pay due the estate of the decedent.

Mrs. Palmer has been advised of this reference.

Respectfully,

For the Comptroller General
of the United States:

W. F. Hamet
Claims Reviewer.

Enclosures

615 East High St.,
Jefferson City. Mo.
March. 9th 1949
MAR 16 1949

U.S. Coast Guard Treasury Dept.,
Washington. 25. D.C.

C+D Exhausted file
3-35-49

Dear Sirs:-
Claim No. 1322413 - Pardon, to take this privilege to write you. but, I'm told this is the right one to for information and have all explained to me re-garding my husband Morton M. Palmer's retirement pension of which I feel I'm entitled to 1/2 of it at least, as his widow. after serving for U.S. for 30. odd years both in the navy and as Light House Keeper. of which he'd now if alive - be drawing these two pensions had he lived to be 100 yrs. old.

1. St., to explain + records too, will show you. The Navy pension he had been receiving for years for his broken hand was $13.00 at the time of his death Jan. 4th, 1944 and it was dropped then. and I've never received that 1/2 as the law allows one's widow or family. all because perhaps, because I did not know to speak for it. or, who to write to regarding it to get the right information as, I left the State of California the next year after his death and returned

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617 East High St.
Jefferson City. Mo.
July 11th 1949.

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General accounting Office
Washington 25. D. C.

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AUG 22 1949
CLAIMS DIVISION

Dear Sirs:-

At long last I'm again writing you to get the latest thinking new laws have been passed in regard to getting 1/2 of my husband's Morton M. Palmer's pension for his broken hand of which he was a getting $15.00 monthly at the time of his sudden death Jan. 1944 Claim no. 132241 is for Correspondence as per your last letter to me & Certificate No. 165 8116 on check of $2.00 last sent me or, was it 7 715,921 dated Jan. 31. 1944. for $15.00

Pardon to go in details again. but, I understand the rules were for the wife or, family to get 1/2 of this pension at one's death and thinking I have not spoken for it in the right way or, written to the right office & know I'm entitled to it. and, I hope all can be cleared up to me with back pay from that date: January 1944 to now date July 1949. Hoping to have an Early reply - I'm now back in our old home State at above address. Regards

Mrs. Pearle F. Palmer

2) back to my old home State Md.
But, I've been told 'thru Service
people that I might yet get
that 1/2 pension yet by getting
in touch with the right Head-
quarters regarding it. and I'm
thinking you are the correct
ones to look in to this matter +
act for me and hopeing to
have this reply with that 1/2
pension as none here in
these middle States to inform
me about such matters. and, too,
I cannot keep up with the new
government as it churns a
round so. from Navy to Civic
Service + Coast guard. So, if so,
I have from 1944 to 1949 monthly
pension coming to me now
with that or not?.

healed) Now, after Mr. Palmer's hand
So that he could leave the navy
hospital ~~hospital~~ Calif. after a
lengthy stay they gave him a
job as one of the Light House
Keepers off on St. George's Reef.
in N. W. Pacific as records will
show - where he remained a
few years. then, he was promoted
to the Point Loma, Calif., Light
House as one of the keepers there
where he remained about 12 yrs
or, so. Then, in 1924 he was

3.) made Keeper of Cape Mend-
- cino Light House. Cape Town
Calif. near Ferndale, Humb-
- oldt. Co., where he remained
for 19 yrs. from 1924 to 1943. +
was retired most three years
before his age would have re-
- tired him on account of a bad
heart condition. but, at that he
had in full government time
to get his full pension. but the
gov. doctor thought best to play
safe for the Station and Self
in war time in, as, much, as, he
had already served over full
time. So, was retired June 30th
1943. and on Jan. 4th 1944
he dropped dead down a valley
beyond Ferndale. Calif, while
out after Leaf mold for our
strawberry bed for the garden
at the little place we brought +
had moved to July 1st 1943. as
we retired + left the Station. he
was stricken lifting a box of that
leaf mold -

He only drew two months
pension when he died as he had
4 years vacation checks coming to
him as he had not taken any
vacation during war time +
drew regular salary the 1st four
months after retirement to use

5:)

I too might be snatched up at the house on that hill top alone - So that fear all weakened his heart + nerves and had to be retired. and 'tis well he was after all for, he only lived 6. months after leaving the Station upon retirement.

I've explained all regarding matters, and records will show his time + work served and may I ask you to considere all this and See whats a coming to me for its not right that I should turn all this pension back to the government when I need it now in this high cost of every thing - when most families get part of husband's or, Sons pensions who have served in gov.

Hopeing to hear Something favorable regard both these two pensions. Understand Mr. Palmer served under navy + Civil Service and was retired when Coast guard took over during war - as I understand it. Very Respt.,

Pearle J. Palmer, widow as representative of the estate

4 left what was coming to him of back vacation pay + the last two months of his life he drew his two pension checks - To fully explain - He only lived Six months after leaving Station after retirement So, hence So he only got two months pension of his 30 odd years in Service for U.S. So, I feel I'm entitled to 1/2 of this pension as this wife in as much too as he called his pension his life insurance + never would take out any life insurance for that reason.

I understand too that a certain percent has been reserved out of each of his monthly pay checks all thru the course of these 30 yrs towards his retirement pension So, hence, again. and I feel its my duty to Speak up for Self and get my lawful rights as his Widow. We were married Nov. 3. 1924 and it was no glorious life on that foggest Extreme western Cape of that mighty Pacific in all that gale of wind blowing from 90 to 115 miles per. hr. and which finially got his heart as was war time and he feared the Japs might Slip in and blow light and him up and feared that

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

Sirs:

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Mrs. Palmer has been advised of this reference.

Respectfully,

For the Comptroller General
of the United States:

W. F. Hamet

Claims Reviewer.

Enclosures

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(PC)

26 August, 1949
CG-75

Mrs. Martin M. Palmer
617 East High Street
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter of August 20, 1949, in which you requested information as to whether you were entitled to a pension or other benefits as the widow of a deceased former Keeper.

The record shows that Mr. Morton M. Palmer served as Keeper at various light stations in the Lighthouse Service and the Coast Guard for more than 35 years prior to his retirement on account of disability under the provisions of the Lighthouse Retirement Act of June 20, 1918, as amended, on October 31, 1943.

Under the provisions of the Lighthouse Retirement Act no deductions are made from an employee's salary for retirement purposes, such retirement being in effect an award for faithful service. Consequently, there is no money or fund to the credit of such employees. The Act does not provide for the payment of a pension of any kind to widows or dependents of employees covered by the Act.

In view of the foregoing we regret to inform you that there is no pension or other benefits due you on the basis of your husband's service with the Coast Guard or the former Lighthouse Service.

The matter of your rights, if any, as the widow of a disabled veteran should be taken up with the Veterans Administration office in your locality or with the central office of the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.

By direction of the Commandant:

Very truly yours

H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

JJH:dtc JJH

DATE MAILED: 8/29/49 ESH

617. East High St.
Jefferson City Mo.
Aug. 20th 1949

U.S. Coast Guard
Washington D.C.
Treasure Dept:-

Dear Sirs:-

Pardon to take the privilege to write you, but, you seem to be the correct ones to write to Since the Light Houses have been transfered from under the Civil Service branch over to the Coast Guard branch of which my late husband Morton M. Palmer served as Light Housekeeper for 30 odd years. Starting at St. George's Reef out in the Pacific ocean of which he spent a few years. Then he was promoted to the Point Lorna, Calif., Lt. House Sta. where he remained about 12 yrs. Then he was promoted as head keeper to the Cape Mendocino Light Station. most Extreme western point in U.S. Capetown, Calif. - then being our post office address Later changed to Ferndale Calif. R.F.D. where we

2/ staid from 1924 to 1943
(Records will show all this)
When he was retired and in
Six month Jan. 1944 he was
stricken with a Sudden
heart attack and died
while down a valley getting
leaf mold for a Strawberry
bed on the little place we had
bought in Ferndale after re-
-tirement in July 1943. He
was retired most two years
fore his age owing to his
heart Condition + war scare
there too. Tho, he had served
most 34 yrs in all with
counting the time he served
in the Navy - taking that
bunch of mules to South Africa
for the Boer war - as records
will show. and while on
this trip via boat enroute
he had the bad luck to get
his hand broken - they threw
him down in the bottom
of boat to fire the boat +
in some way broke his hand
and the next boat brought
him back to Goat Island
Calif. navy hospital where
they reset his hand + the
doctors kept him in hospital

3/ there over time. as, feared he might go out in to the world and re break his hand. So they offered him a job in the hospital to be night floor walker or, night hand boy to take care of doctor's Their hors & buggy ect. So he remained on there 'till he got a chance to go out to St. George's REEf as one of the Light House keepers out in the Pacific ocean. Where he remained a couple of years more or, less. then he was promated down to the Point Loma Calif Lt. Station near San Diego Calif Where he remained Some 12 yrs or, so. Then he got an offer to go as Head Keeper up to Cape mendocino Lt. Sta. Cape Town Calif. Humboldt Co., Where he was Keeper for 19 yrs from 1924 to 1943 when he was retired.

all this Explained and the object of this Epistle is to ask you regarding me getting Some or, 1/2 of Mr. Palmer's two pensions one of which he was getting $15.00 monthly

4/ for his broken hand + the Light House retirement pension - of which he only lived to draw but two months pension checks - as he was still drawing full pay those first four months after leaving the Lt House after retirement as war had been going on + he had not taken any annual leave ~~leave~~ for 4 years - So, hence, -

now the object of this as I said is to ask you if I'm not entitled to at least 1/2 of his two pensions as his widow + which he'd never taken out any life insurance saying - Why? "My pension's my insurance" +, in as much too a certain per cent had been taken out of each of his monthly pay checks for 30 odd yrs toward this pension So now, why should I turn this all back on to the government; its my lawful rights - Am I not right? Hoping to hear some good news and thanks in advance, Respt

Mrs. Morton M (Pearle D) Palmer

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31 January 1949
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General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference your file Misc-1322413.

Inclosed is a letter of Mrs. Morton M. Palmer, widow of Morton M. Palmer (deceased), a retired member of the former Lighthouse Service, in which she claims the difference due in retired pay based on gross salary, which includes the amount deducted as a charge for occupancy of Government quarters, over that paid Mr. Palmer on net salary, for the period November 1, 1943, to January 7, 1944, the date of his death. In this connection, reference is made to the Comptroller General's decision of October 23, 1947 (B-70029). Also inclosed is Standard Form 50 (9 Part), describing this retirement. This form shows correct computation of retired pay to be $1359.38 per annum, whereas, for the period November 1, 1943, to January 7, 1944, Mr. Palmer was paid at the rate of $1179.38 per annum - an underpayment of $180.00 per year, or $15.00 per month. Computation of the amount due and appropriation chargeable is as follows:

2041255 - Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1944 - $33.50

For tax withholding purposes, the records of this office do not show the number of exemptions claimed by Mr. Palmer.

Mrs. Palmer's mailing address is 617 East High St., Jefferson City, Missouri, and her claim is forwarded for settlement. No part of this claim has been or will be paid by this office.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

31 JAN 1949

A. F. MACKAY, Lieutenant, USCG
Chief, Pay and Audit Section

Incls:
1. Claimant's ltr dated 9-5-48
2. Standard Form 50 (9 Part)

CC: Claimant
Budget Division, Sta. 6-3

JGant:mch
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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25

CLAIMS DIVISION
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November 5, 1948

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U S COAST GUARD HDQTRS
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Treasury Department,
United States Coast Guard,
Washington 25, D. C.

Sirs:

Transmitted herewith for administrative examination and report is the claim of Mrs. Morton M. Palmer, 617 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, for amounts alleged to be due in the retirement fund and pension as the widow of Morton M. Palmer, deceased, former Lighthouse keeper on St. George's Reef, Point Loma and Cape Mendocino, California.

In the event it is determined that any sum is due the claimant, there should be forwarded a voucher indicating the amount and also a citation to the appropriation chargeable.

Respectfully,

P. E. Sours
Chief of Section
By: J. Milwit

Deceased

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11 August, 1945

Mrs. Morton Modisette Palmer
420 North Main Cross St. Pike Co.
Bowling Green, Missouri

My dear Mrs. Palmer:

Your letter of 23 July, 1945 to the Department of Commerce has been forwarded to Coast Guard Headquarters since your husband Morton M. Palmer, Keeper, was a member of the former Lighthouse Service now U. S. Coast Guard. With reference to your query about the retirement pay received at the time he was retired from the Lighthouse Service I have to advise that no sum is accumulated for retirement pay of Lighthouse personnel by deduction from their salary. An Act of Congress made it possible for Lighthouse personnel to receive a pension without prior cost to themselves. You can therefore understand there is no part of a retirement fund due you.

The compensation he was receiving for the injury to his hand while serving in the Navy was due to active service in peace time and his death was not the result of this injury. Had the death been due to injury or disease incurred in or aggravated by active service or by war time service you would be eligible for pension award. The records show that his death was caused by a heart attack not resulting from service.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

L. H. MORINE
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Military Morale Division

U.S. COAST GUARD
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4 October, 1944

Mrs. Morton M. Palmer
1059 Main Street
Ferndale, California

My dear Mrs. Palmer:

Reference is made to your letter of 22 September, 1944 requesting information relative to the continuance of your late husband's retired pay. Please be advised that the retired pay received by your husband, Morton M. Palmer, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, ceased at the time of his death and there is no law providing for the continuance of payment of any part to dependents. Personnel of the Lighthouse Service received retired pay under the provisions of the Act of June 20, 1918, as amended, no deduction was made from the pay of the personnel but the Congress appropriated sums making it possible to retire the personnel on a livable wage. Since the Lighthouse Service was not military service no pension award may be made to dependents.

It is noted, however, that your husband had military service in the Navy from 9 November, 1903 to 12 October, 1904. Therefore at the time of his death Forms 534 and 530, application for pension award and application for burial allowance were forwarded to you in order that you could make application for these benefits. Since you did not return these completed forms to Coast Guard Headquarters, it is not known what disposition was made of them. As the Veterans Administration has sole jurisdiction in the awarding of pensions and the burial allowance, it will be necessary that you make application to that office for these benefits. In the event you have mislaid the forms originally forwarded, a duplicate set are inclosed for your convenience.

When the forms have been completed in the presence of two witnesses and a notary public, please forward them to the Widows' and Dependents' Claim Service, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

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J. S. HUNT
Commander, USCGR
Chief, Military Morale Div.

Incl
1 Form534
2 Form 530

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24 March, 1944

File erb 3-14

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

Sirs:

Inclosed is the claim of Mrs. Pearle J. Palmer for the final retired pay due the estate of her husband, Morton M. Palmer, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, retired, who died 7 January, 1944.

Funeral expenses incurred by the claimant in the amount of $449.73 have been paid as per attached receipted bill.

This claim in the amount of $216.94 has been examined and is approved for payment. The appropriation to be charged is 1740910 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1944.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

J. R. HINNANT
Commander, USCG
Chief, Military Morale Div.

Incl
1-Form No. 2661
2-Former No. 1055
3-Funeral bill

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24 March, 1944

Mrs. Pearle J. Palmer
1059 Main Street
Ferndale, California

My dear Mrs. Palmer:

Your claim for the final retired pay due the estate of your husband, Morton M. Palmer, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, retired, has been approved for payment by this office and forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement.

As the Coast Guard has no further jurisdiction in the payment of this claim it is suggested that in the event of undue delay in settlement you contact the Claims Division, General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

J. R. HINNANT
Commander, USCG
Chief, Military Morale Div.

U. S. COAST GUARD
MAIL SECTION (1)
MAILED MAR 24 1944

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26 February, 1944

Mrs. Morton M. Palmer
1059 Main Street
Ferndale, California

My dear Mrs. Palmer:

Headquarters has been advised of the death of your husband, Morton M. Palmer, Keeper former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, on 7 January, 1944. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

At the time of death there was due his estate final retired pay in the amount of $216.94. This retired pay ceases at death and there is no law providing for the continuance of payment of any part to dependents. The forms necessary to effect settlement of this final pay are herewith inclosed.

If there will be no legal representative to administer the estate, the next of kin or the person who paid or will pay the funeral and burial expenses should execute the inclosed Form No. 1055, claim for final pay, in the presence of two witnesses and a notary public, taking care to answer all questions checked. If a representative is appointed a copy of the Court Order showing the appointment should be attached to Form No. 1055. If the funeral expenses have been paid, a bill receipted by the undertaker who conducted the services should be forwarded. Otherwise have the undertaker sign the inclosed waiver form. This information is necessary to support the claim for the final retired pay.

Veterans' Administration Adjudication Forms 530 and 534 are inclosed for making application for burial allowance and pension award. Both forms should be executed in the presence of two witnesses and a notary public. A certified copy of the public or church record of your marriage must be furnished to substantiate your application for the award of pension.

When the inclosed forms have been completed, please return them to Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

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J. R. HINNANT
Commander, USCG
Chief, Military Morale Div.

Incls
1 Form 1055
2 Form 530
3 Form 534
4 Waiver

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M.J.M.

FEB 14 1944

Form 93

NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION~~ OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

File 75

District Coast Guard Officer,
OFFICE OF ~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~ 12th Naval District.

Commandant, U.S.Coast Guard (PCP) San Francisco, Calif., 7 February , 19 44

~~COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES~~

Herewith is ~~transmitted~~ given notice of death, in duplicate, ~~the resignation~~ of the following-named employee:

Name, PALMER, MORTON M. Position, Keeper, Retired

Legal residence, California Station, Cape Mendocino Light Station

Salary, $1179.38 per annum retired pay

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~

~~This employee has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.~~

Remarks:

Mr. Palmer left his home in Ferndale, California, on Tuesday, January 4, 1944, to go up in the hills after leaf mold for his garden. He did not return home Tuesday or Wednesday and a searching party sent out on Thursday, January 6th, found him close to his car dead, evidently from a heart attack.

Mr. Palmer retired commencing 1 November, 1943, for disability under the Lighthouse Retirement Act. At the time of his retirement he had had 35 years, 2 months, 24 days of Lighthouse Service.

Mr. Palmer's widow, Mrs. Morton M. Palmer, his nearest of kin, lives at 1059 Main St., Ferndale, California. It is believed that she has not advised Headquarters of the date of her husband's death. She is of the opinion that she can continue to receive pay each month as the widow of a retired keeper. It is requested that Headquarters advise Mrs. Palmer on this subject and also what steps she should take to obtain the pay due her husband at the date of his death.

T. C. Breazeale LIEUTENANT, USCGR
T. C. BREAZEALE
By direction

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, Approved.

11—4623

Copy to H. Hunnart 2/17/44

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

SAN FRANCISCO, 26, CALIF.

Feb - 27

ADDRESS REPLY TO

DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER,
TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT (pcp)

REFER TO FILE: 75

12 November, 1943

To: The Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard (PCP)

Subj: Retirement of Morton M. Palmer, Keeper, Cape Mendocino (Disability).

1. Referring to Headquarters' letter of 22 October, 1943 (PCP) CG-75, Morton M. Palmer, Keeper of Mendocino Light Station was last paid on voucher in "Shore Stations, Keepers and Light Attendants Payroll for the period 1 October, 1943 through 31 October, 1943". This final payment was for 1 October through 31 October.

2. The pay earned was $160 less $15.20 Federal witholding tax, net $144.80; settled in November, 1943 accounts of G. E. Maxson, symbol number 55-327, D.O. Voucher No. 23.

T. C. Breazeale

T. C. BREAZEALE
Lieutenant, USCGR
By direction

Copy to Lt. Henden 11-18-43

(PCP)
CG-75

29 October, 1943

Mr. Morton M. Palmer
P.O.Box 305
Ferndale, Calif.

Dear Mr. Palmer:

My attention has been called to the fact that you are retiring from the Coast Guard at the close of October 31, 1943, after rendering more than thirty-five years of honorable service, principally in the former Lighthouse Service and the Coast Guard.

While I regret to note that your retirement is on account of disability, I wish to express to you at this time my sincere appreciation of your long service, and also the hope that your relief from active duty will result in an improvement in your health.

Very truly yours,

R. R. WAESCHE
Vice Admiral, USCG
Commandant

Mailed 10/30/43
LT

CC: DCGO, 12th ND

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LT PAM

Name MORTON M. PALMER Date of birth December 8, 1879

Designation Keeper, Cape Mendocino Light Station, California

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)

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy	Nov.	9	1903	Oct.	12	1905	Receives pension
Marine Corps							service not included
Civilian employment U.S.NAVAL							below
Hospital,Mare Is.Calif.	July	16	1908	May	15	1912	
Keeper(Asst.)& Keeper,							
various Lt.Stations							
USCG,12th Naval Dist.	June	7	1912	Oct.	31	1943	
Total service		35 yrs. 2 Mos. 24 das.					

Does [illegible] receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? Yes If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim No. 37542

Amended to include 4 yrs. as result Comp. Gen. Dec. B-70029 dated 10-25-47

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			
Pay	Nov.	1	1938	Oct.	31	1943	5 yrs.	total	7862.50 ✓
Quarters	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	240.00	1200.00 ✓
									9062.50 ✓

Total compensation for last five years of active service $9062.50 ✓

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1812.50 ✓

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1812.50 ✓ × years 30 ✓ ÷ 40) = $1359.38 ✓

(Not exceeding 30)

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Form 2521
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 2523)

Date Aug. 26th 43.

District Coast Guard Officer
~~Commander~~, 12th Naval District,

San Francisco, California
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty effective close of October 31, 1943 on the basis of service shown hereon.

My address on retirement will be:
P.O. Box 305, Ferndale, California.

Morton M. Palmer
(Name)

Keeper, Cape Mendocino Lt. Station
(Designation)

Coast Guard Officer
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ~~COMMANDER~~
Twelfth Naval District

City San Francisco, Calif. *Date* 7 September, 1943

Submitted to the Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, recommending retirement at $ 1179.37 per annum, effective at the close of 31 October, 1943

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.

A. B. Holtz
E. W. HOLTZ
By direction

COMMANDER, USCG
District ~~Commander~~ CG Ofcr

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, *Washington, D. C.*, ----------

Submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending approval.

Commandant.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

16—20161

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

DATE 12 October, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR- Chief Personnel Officer

Subj: PALMER, Morton M., Keeper; retirement, recommendation

The medical evidence contained in Form 2523 (Certificate of Medical Examination, Disability Retirement, Civilian Personnel), dated 26 August, 1943, has been reviewed and found satisfactory. It is recommended that subject-named man be retired by reason of physical disability.

Carl Michel
CARL MICHEL
Medical Director

MORE THAN 35 YRS SERVICE
BORN [redacted]-8-1879

Form 2523
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

(Act of March 4, 1925)

NAME OF CLAIMANT MORTON M. PALMER DESIGNATION Keeper, Cape Mendocino Light Station, California

Height 72 inches Weight 177 pounds. Complexion Medium

Color of eyes Blue Color of hair Mostly Gray

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination:

Description of duties of position (to be filled in by district commander): Duties include care and operation of and attendance on light and radiobeacon, the upkeep and repair of light tower and other buildings on the reservation and the maintenance and repair of machinery, fences, roads, water supply system, sewer lines and grounds. The work requires manual labor in painting, carpentry, pipefitting, excavation, fence building, and similar duties. He is also required to maintain continuous watch 12 hours each day, six hours of which is night watch.

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: Nature - Shortness of Breath, Pain in Chest & Weakness. Origin - Certificate of Discharge in 1905 States is not Physically qualified for reenlistment (Stiff Fingers). Nothing Futher - Considers wear and Tear of life & Age mostly responsible.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Visual acuity (uncorrected): R. E. 20/ 20 L. E. 20/ 20

With correction in spectacles: R. E. 20/ L. E. 20/

Accommodation: Reads Jaeger No. 11 at 13 inches, without correction.

Reads Jaeger No. 78 at 13 inches, with correction.

Central color vision (binocular) Normal (Name method used) Color Plates

Inspection Well Percloped & Well Nourished

Pupils Negative Pupillary reaction Negative

Hearing: Whispered voice (unaccentuated) heard with R. E. at 10 ft., L. E. at 10 ft.

Appearance of right drum Slightly Sclerotic, left drum Same as Right

Is there any disease of the middle or internal ear or mastoid? No. If so, specify

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Condition of nose and sinuses Negative

Condition of mouth and throat, including tonsils and teeth Gums Good x Tonsils Good Teeth Upper Fairly Good Repaired x Lower All of Molars Missing x Incisors Good

Bones, joints, muscles, including atrophies Enlarged Joints Fingers with Some loss of Motion + Strength
(Express limitation of motion, if any, in degrees and joint involved)

Respiratory system Negative

Cardiovascular system:

(a) Heart Size + Location Negative

(1) Murmurs None (2) Arrhythmias None At Rest, Irregular on Exercise

(b) Pulse rate: (1) Sitting 80 (2) After exercise 90 (3) 2 minutes after exercise 76

(c) Blood pressure: (1) Sitting—Syst. 140 Diast. 80 (2) After ex.—Syst. 160 Diast. 80 Two minutes After Exercise 130/80

(d) Condition of blood vessels Radial Soft + Pliable

Evidence of thyroid or other endocrine disturbance Negative

Abdomen and gastro-intestinal system, including hernia Negative

Genito-urinary system:

Urinalysis—Sp. gr. 1010 Reaction Acid Albumin No Sugar No

Sediment microscopic (required when albumin or sugar is found)

Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

(a) Station Erect (e) Gait Negative

(b) Tremor None (f) Coordination Good

(c) Patellar reflexes Exaggerated (g) Peripheral circulation Good

(d) Other motor disturbances None

Alcohol None Drugs None Syphilis Negative Epilepsy No

Other neurological findings None

General impression Well Developed + Nourished, Vigorous for Age

Here describe fully nature of disability: From Symptoms + History Am Impressed with Circulatory Involvement Belonging to Coronary Sclerosis Group x Requiring Moderation in All Things

Is disability to perform duty of a permanent character? Yes

Is it indicated that applicant may recover from disability and be fit for restoration to active duty? No Do you recommend reexamination with this in view? No

I HEREBY CERTIFY that upon examination I find the above-named claimant to be disabled for useful and efficient service by reason of the disability above described, which is not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on his part.

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service

Eureka California
(Place of examination)

August 26 - 1943
(Date)

Charles Falk
(Examining surgeon)

A.A. Surgeon U.S. P.H.S.
(Title and branch of medical service)

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Name MORTON M. PALMER Date of birth December 8, 1879

Designation Keeper, Cape Mendocino Light Station, California

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Navy	Nov.	9	1903	Oct.	12	1905	Receives pension
Marine Corps							service not included
Civilian employment U.S.NAVAL							below
Hospital, Mare Is. Calif.	July	16	1908	May	15	1912	
Keeper (Asst.) & Keeper,							
various Lt. Stations							
USCG, 12th Naval Dist.	June	7	1912	Oct.	31	1943	
Total service		35 yrs. 2 Mos. 24 das.					

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? Yes If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim: No. 37542

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:

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(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
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Keeper, Cape	Nov.	1	1938	June	15	1939		$1500.A.	$ 937.50
Mendocino	June	16	1939	March	31	1942		1560.A.	4355.00
Light Sta.	Apr.	1	1942	Sept.	30	1943		1620.A.	2430.00
	Oct.	1	1943	Oct.	31	1943		1680.A	140.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service 7862.50

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1572.50

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1572.50 × years 30 (Not exceeding 30) ÷ 40) = 1179.37

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Form 2521
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 2523)

Date Aug. 26th-43.

District Coast Guard Officer
~~Commander~~, 12th Naval District,

San Francisco, California
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty effective close of October 31, 1943 on the basis of service shown hereon.

My address on retirement will be:
P.O. Box 305, Ferndale, California.

Morton M. Palmer
(Name)

Keeper, Cape Mendocino Lt. Station
(Designation)

Coast Guard Officer

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ~~COMMANDER~~
Twelfth Naval District

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E. W. HOLTZ
By direction

COMMANDER, USCG
District ~~Commander~~. CG Ofcr

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, *Washington, D. C.*,

Submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending approval.

Commandant.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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Form 2523
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD

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Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: Nature: shortness of breath; pain in chest, and weakness. Origin: certificate of discharge in 1905 states is not physically qualified for re-enlistment (stiff fingers.) Nothing further - considers wear and tear of life, and age, mostly responsible.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Visual acuity (uncorrected): R. E. 20/20 L. E. 20/20

With correction in spectacles: R. E. 20/- - - - L. E. 20/-

Accommodation: Reads Jaeger No. 11 at 13 inches, without correction.

Reads Jaeger No. 78 at 13 inches, with correction.

Central color vision (binocular) normal (Name method used) color plates

Inspection Well developed and well nourished

Pupils negative Pupillary reaction negative

Hearing: Whispered voice (unaccentuated) heard with R. E. at 10 ft., L. E. at 10 ft.

Appearance of right drum slightly sclerotic, left drum same as right

Is there any disease of the middle or internal ear or mastoid? no. If so, specify

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Condition of nose and sinuses Negative

Condition of mouth and throat, including tonsils and teeth gums good; tonsils good. Teeth: uppers fairly well repaired; lowers, all molars missing; incisors good.

Bones, joints, muscles, including atrophies enlarged joints fingers with some loss of motion and strength. (Express limitation of motion, if any, in degrees and joint involved)

Respiratory system Negative

Cardiovascular system:

(a) Heart Size and location negative

(1) Murmurs none (2) Arrhythmias none at rest; irregular on exercise.

(b) Pulse rate: (1) Sitting 80 (2) After exercise 90 (3) 2 minutes after exercise 76

(c) Blood pressure: (1) Sitting—Syst. 140 Diast. 80 (2) After ex.—Syst. 160 Diast. 80 (Two mins. after exercise, 130-80.)

(d) Condition of blood vessels radial, soft and pliable.

Evidence of thyroid or other endocrine disturbance negative

Abdomen and gastro-intestinal system, including hernia negative

Genito-urinary system:

Urinalysis—Sp. gr. 1020 Reaction acid Albumin no Sugar no

Sediment microscopic (required when albumin or sugar is found)

Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

(a) Station erect (e) Gait negative

(b) Tremor none (f) Coordination good

(c) Patellar reflexes exaggerated (g) Peripheral circulation good

(d) Other motor disturbances none

Alcohol none Drugs none Syphilis negative Epilepsy no

Other neurological findings none

General impression well developed and nourished; vigorous for age.

Here describe fully nature of disability: from symptoms and history, am impressed with circulatory involvement belonging to coronary sclerosis group, requiring moderation in all things

Is disability to perform duty of a permanent character? yes

Is it indicated that applicant may recover from disability and be fit for restoration to active duty? no Do you recommend reexamination with this in view? no

I HEREBY CERTIFY that upon examination I find the above-named claimant to be disabled for useful and efficient service by reason of the disability above described, which is not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on his part.

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service.

Eureka, California
(Place of examination)

August 26, 1943
(Date)

Charles C. Fair
(Examining surgeon)

A.A. Surgeon U.S.PHS
(Title and branch of medical service)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—17606

Name	Range	Present Salary	Proposed Salary	E.R.	Amt.	Date and Last Promoted	Location
			LOS ANGELES				
Fawcett, Howard S.	$1380-1740	$1380	$1440	VG	8-5-40	EOD	Anacapa I.
Hellwig, Charles E.	1260-1620	1260	1320	VG	6-1-39	EOD	Pt.Conception
May, Joseph	1440-1800	1440	1500	Ex	7-1-40	EOD	Pt.Conception
			SAN FRANCISCO				
Davis, Harry	1320-1680	1440	1500	Ex	3-1-39	60	Alcatraz I.
Schneider, Edward H.	1140-1500	1200	1260	VG	10-1-37	60	Alcatraz I.
Kreth, Frederick A.	1560-1920	1560	1620	Ex	2-18-38	180	Ano Nuevo I.
Hicks, Stephen A.	1200-1560	1260	1320	VG	6-16-39	60	Bonita Pt.
Palmer, Morton M.	1380-1740	1560	1620	VG	6-16-39	60	C.Mendocino
Lee, George C.	1200-1560	1200	1260	VG	7-1-40	60	Carquinez St.
Saunders, Fred C.	1380-1740	1440	1500	Ex	6-16-39	60	Carquinez St.
Simonson, James E.	1260-1620	1380	1440	VG	6-16-39	60	Crescent City
Miller, Willard	1440-1800	1680	1740	Ex	6-16-39	60	E.Brother I.
McGrath, John S.	1440-1800	1560	1620	VG	6-16-39	60	Humboldt Bay
Nelson, August	1440-1800	1500	1560	Ex	6-30-39	60	Oakland Hbr.
Pedersen, Theodore	1260-1620	1260	1320	VG	9-20-38	EOD	Oakland Hbr.
Zimmerman, Frederick C.	1200-1560	1440	1500	Ex	6-16-39	60	Pigeon Pt.
Miller, Harry W.	1260-1620	1260	1320	Ex	8-1-40	60	Pt. Arena
Petersen, George W.	1200-1560	1200	1260	VG	12-16-38	60	Pt. Pinos
Henderson, Thomas	1380-1740	1440	1500	VG	6-16-39	60	Pt. Pinos
Johnson, Norman E.	1380-1740	1380	1440	VG	7-3-40	60	Pt. Sur
Sauer, Theodore J.	1380-1740	1440	1500	VG	6-16-39	60	Roe I.Lt.St.
Johnson, Chester M.	1560-1920	1560	1620	Ex	7-1-40	180	St.George Rf.
Woyner, John J.	1440-1800	1440	1500	VG	3-15-39	60	Southhampton
Miner, Lemuel	1320-1680	1440	1500	VG	3-1-39	60	YerbaBuenaI.
Piland, Wayne R.	1140-1500	1320	1380	VG	7-1-40	60	YerbaBuenaI.
			SEATTLE				
O'Rourke, John T.	1440-1800	1500	1560	VG	3-1-39	60	Burroughs I.
Eidsvoog, Johan	1260-1620	1260	1320	G	9-26-40	240	Burroughs I.
Anderson, Albert G.	1260-1620	1380	1440	G	2-2-39	540	Cape Blanco
Johnson, Albert H.	1440-1800	1500	1560	VG	6-16-39	60	Heceta Head
Corrie, Vivian R.	1440-1800	1440	1500	VG	11-1-37	60	Marrowstone
Petersen, John	1440-1800	1500	1560	VG	3-1-39	60	Mukilteo
Menzony, Ted	1320-1680	1320	1380	VG	9-16-40	60	New Dunganess
Risdon, Orval A.	1500-1860	1500	1560	VG	7-1-40	180	New Dunganess
Gabriel, Leonard W.	1440-1800	1440	1500	Ex	7-16-38	60	North Head
Sheldon, William H.	1320-1680	1320	1380	G	3-7-39	EOD	Patos Island
Frey, Arthur F.	1440-1800	1500	1560	VG	3-1-39	60	Pt. No Pt.
Langos, Robert M.	1440-1800	1440	1500	VG	6-29-39	420	Pt.Wilson
Lien, Carl	1440-1800	1680	1740	VG	6-16-39	60	Pt.Wilson
Albee, Wyman T.	1440-1800	1440	1500	G	7-1-28	120	Robinson Pt.
Pedersen, James O.	1260-1620	1380	1440	VG	6-16-39	60	Robinson Pt.
Allik, Oswald	1560-1920	1560	1620	VG	11-16-37	600	Tillamook Rock

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TO: THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

The following changes in compensation, involving 328 keepers and a total salary increase of $19680.are recommended to become effective 1 April, 1942.

The promotions herein are in accordance with the established practice of many years past and will not result in a deficit. Such personnel are not covered by Public Law No. 200, approved 1 August, 1941. These promotions are chargeable to the appropriation "17-2021208 Civilian Employees, Coast Guard (Navy), 1942."

T. O. Robertson

T. O. ROBERTSON, Chief,
Civilian Personnel Section.

Name	Range	Present Salary	Proposed Salary	E.R.	Date and Amt. Last Promotion	Location
			BOSTON			
Carr, Earl E.	$1440-1800	$1560	$1620	Ex	7-1-38 $60	Block I.
Hallett, Osborne E.	1200-1560	1200	1260	VG	9-4-37 EOD	Boston L.St.
Talbot, Ernest V.	1260-1620	1380	1440	VG	6-16-39 60	Browns Hd.
Seavey, George W.	1440-1800	1500	1560	G	6-16-39 60	Cape Ann
Dawes, William F.	1140-1500	1260	1320	G	6-16-39 60	C.Elizabeth
Coleman, Eugene L.	1380-1740	1500	1560	Ex	6-16-39 60	C.Neddick
Dubois, Joseph H.	1380-1740	1440	1500	G	6-16-39 60	Cape Poge
Powell, Nelson H.	1320-1680	1380	1440	VG	3-1-39 60	Conimicut
Morrison, Myrick R.	1260-1620	1260	1320	VG	12-16-30 120	Curtis I.
Orne, Simeon A.	1380-1740	1440	1500	Ex	6-16-39 60	Guttyhunk
Mathie, Ernest H.	1560-1920	1560	1620	G	7-28-37 60	Egg Rock
Grieder, Frank A.	1380-1740	1440	1500	G	6-16-39 60	Gay Head
Hill, Arthur G.	1380-1740	1380	1440	G	3-1-38 60	Goose Rock
Kilton, Harold L.	1560-1920	1560	1620	VG	3-1-38 240	Goose Rock
Davis, Phillip A.	1260-1620	1260	1320	VG	4-3-37 60	Gr. Duck I.
Freeman, James H.	1500-1860	1500	1560	G	6-30-39 60	Gr. Duck I.
Mann, Darrell L.	1320-1680	1320	1380	G	3-1-39 60	Gr. Duck I.
Cheney, Hoyt W.	1560-1920	1560	1620	G	7-1-40 60	Halfway Rock
Osgood, Albert F.	1500-1860	1500	1560	G	7-1-40 180	Halfway Rock
Strout, Arthur S.	1740-2100	1800	1860	VG	6-16-39 60	Halfway Rock
Cheney, Jasper L.	1260-1620	1320	1380	G	6-16-39 60	Libby I.
Day, Henley C.	1200-1560	1200	1260	G	6-13-30 EOD	Manna I.
Haskins, Archford V.	1440-1800	1440	1500	VG	9-1-37 120	Nantucket
Vidler, Fred S.	1320-1680	1320	1380	VG	11-16-38 60	Nauset B.
Dobbins, Harry B.	1380-1740	1680	1740	Ex	3-1-39 60	Newburyport
Scharff, John M.	1320-1680	1440	1500	Ex	3-1-39 60	Nobska Pt.
Foss, Morris J.	1260-1620	1260	1320	VG	6-30-39 60	Petit Manan
York, Javan D.	1440-1800	1440	1500	Ex	1-5-38 180	Race Pt.
Stockbridge, Benjamin	1320-1680	1380	1440	Ex	6-16-39 60	Ram I.
Clark, Wm. A., Jr.	1620-1980	1620	1680	VG	7-1-40 60	Ram I.Ledge

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STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the Presi... 28/24)
Revised Dec. 6, ...

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment San Francisco Dist U.S. Lighthouse Service Date Sept 29th 39

1. Name in full (Mr., ~~Miss, or Mrs.~~) Palmer (Surname) Morton (Given name) Modisett (Middle name)
2. Present address Star Route (Number) (Street) Ferndale (City) Calif. (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence Calif. (State and Congressional District) Humboldt (County) Capetown (City or town)
4. Where born Missouri (State or foreign country) Troy (City or town) When born Dec 8th 79 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien
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 X	Female	Single	Married X	Divorced	Widowed	White X	Colored	

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you One Wife Age 49.
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 Month	Day	Year	DATE SEPARATED Month	Day	Year
Navy	Hospital Shoal Island	Watchman	480.00	Oct	12	1905	May	4th	1912
Lighthouse	St George Ref.	4th 3rd & 2nd Asst.		May	14th	1905			
	Pt Sur	2nd & 1st Asst.							
	Cape Mendocino	Keeper							

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
No,	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:
No
(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?
No
(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 Nov 9th 1903 Discharged Oct 12th 1905 | Enlisted ... Discharged ...
Rank Coal Passer Rank Fireman 1st Class | Rank ... Rank ...
Organization ... Organization ... | 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.) —

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

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 M M Palmer

Relationship Wife Post office address Star Route Ferndale, Calif.

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

Morton M. Palmer
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

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SAN FRANCISCO
OCT 3 1939
LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT

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Lighthouse Inspector San Francisco California

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~~Lighthouse Inspector~~

Acting Commissioner

to operate 5:00 Hours

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

February 10, 1913.

Mr. Morton H. Palmer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from third assistant keeper at $552 per annum.)

E.D. March 7, 1913

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

F
C

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Georges Roux.

Legal Residence: California.

11—3692

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIX DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

July 16, 1912.

Mr. Morton M. Palmer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Third Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Fifty-two dollars per annum, effective August 1, 1912.

(By promotion from fourth assistant keeper at $504 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) R. O. SHELSE

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

E D. Aug 1 1912.

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D

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Joseph H. Bowen.

Legal Residence: California.

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GENERAL APPOINTME[illegible]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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July 30, 1914.

Mr. Morton M. Palmer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from second assistant keeper at $600 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles H. A. Brooke.

Legal Residence: California.

11—3692

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Sept 21, 1914.

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES JUL 15 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., July 8, 1912. , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Promotion of

Name, **Morton M. Palmer** Legal residence, **California**

Position, **Third Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$552 per annum**

Location, **St.George Reef Lightstation, California.**

Effective **August 1, 1912** or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty.~~

Former position, **Fourth Assistant Keeper** Former salary, **$504 per annum**

Location, **St.George Reef Lightstation, California.**

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, **Joseph H. Bowen** Services terminated, **July 31, 1912.**

Reason, **Resignation.**

Remarks: To be paid from appropriation -"Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses."

E M Price
Lighthouse Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

July 15, 1912.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

11—2314

Acting Commissioner.

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 17 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., February 11 1913, 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Promotion of

Name, Morton M. Palmer — Legal residence, California

Position, Second Assistant Keeper — Salary, $600 per annum

Title of appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Location, St.George Reef Lightstation, California.

Effective February 16 1913 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Third Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $552 per annum

Location, St.George Reef Lightstation, California.

Rank in list of eligibles, — Rating, — Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Georges Roux — Services terminated about Feby 15 1913

Reason, Promotion.

Remarks:

H.W. Rhodes.

Inspector

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

FEB 17 1913

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

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Form 56

TELEGRAM

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. .....

RECEIVER'S NO.	TIME FILED	CHECK
		PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAY 15 1912
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

San Francisco May 10 1912 (Place and date), 191

SEND TO Lighthouse Commissioner Washington D C

Palmer has not entered duty StGeorge Reef Awaiting appointment

Woodruff

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST: Edw L Woodruff

(Name)

Superintendent.

(Title)

(Confirmation)

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT JUL29 1914 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

7-30-14 Sec 18

San Francisco, Cal., July 23 1914, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, **Morton M. Palmer** Legal residence, **California**

Position, **Second Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$540 per annum**

Location, **Point Loma Lightstation, Cal.** Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **August 1 1914** [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Second Assistant Keeper Former salary, **$600 per annum**

Location, **St George Reef Lightstation, Cal.**

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

Previous incumbent, Charles H.A.Brooke Services terminated, **about July 31 1914**

Reason, **Transfer & promotion.**

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: This transfer, involving a reduction in Mr Palmer's compensation, is made in accordance with his acceptance in reply to Bureau circular 432. Request notification by wire when transfer is made.

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

H. W. Rhodes.
Inspector

Secretary, Civil Service District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 29 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

May 14, 1912.

Mr. Morton M. Palmer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Fourth Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Four dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By selection from certificate No. ....., and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

EOD June 7, 1912

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

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D

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Albert N. Speelman.

Legal Residence: California.

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Lighthouses

May 10 1912

Lighthouse Inspector
San Francisco California

Has Palmer entered duty Saint George Reef If so state date and necessity If not do not allow enter until receipt appointment

Putnam

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Approved:

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., May 2 1912. 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Probationary appointment of

Name, Morton M. Palmer Legal residence, California.

Position, Fourth Assistant Keeper Salary, $504 per annum

Location, St. George Reef Lightstation, California. (No quarters for family)

Effective **date of Department letter, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, I Rating, Asst.Keeper Percentage, 84.6

Other eligibles considered, Leopold Jordan (accepts) and Charles Anderson (no response)

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Albert N. Speelman Services terminated, April 18, 1912.

Reason, Transfer and promotion.

Remarks: To be paid from the appropriation - Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Preference allowed Morton M. Palmer by C.S.C. March 16, 1912.

**inserted in office of Bureau.

W. A. Moffett
Commander U.S.N., Inspector.

HRW

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 11, 1912

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

Palmer will not be placed on duty until receipt of Department letter of appointment.

11—2314

O. B. Colquitt
Acting Commissioner

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HRW

Form 93

NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION OR~~ DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

File 75

OFFICE OF ~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.~~ District Coast Guard Officer, 12th Naval DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Calif., 7 February , 19 44

Commandant, U.S.Coast Guard (PCP)

~~COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES~~

Herewith is ~~transmitted~~ given notice of death, in duplicate, of the ~~resignation~~ of the following-named employee:

Name, PALMER, MORTON M. Position, Keeper, Retired

Legal residence, California Station, Cape Mendocino Light Station

Salary, $1179.38 per annum retired pay

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~

~~This employee has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.~~

Remarks:

Mr. Palmer left his home in Ferndale, California, on Tuesday, January 4, 1944, to go up in the hills after leaf mold for his garden. He did not return home Tuesday or Wednesday and a searching party sent out on Thursday, January 6th, found him close to his car dead, evidently from a heart attack.

Mr. Palmer retired commencing 1 November, 1943, for disability under the Lighthouse Retirement Act. At the time of his retirement he had had 35 years, 2 months, 24 days of Lighthouse Service.

Mr. Palmer's widow, Mrs. Morton M. Palmer, his nearest of kin, lives at 1059 Main St., Ferndale, California. It is believed that she has not advised Headquarters of the date of her husband's death. She is of the opinion that she can continue to receive pay each month as the widow of a retired keeper. It is requested that Headquarters advise Mrs. Palmer on this subject and also what steps she should take to obtain the pay due her husband at the date of his death.

LIEUTENANT, USCGR

T. C. BREAZEALE
By direction

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

Ans FHB

FURNITURE CO.,
Box 847,
FERNDALE, CALIFORNIA.

(pcp)

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25 March, 1944.

Mr. B. C. Merrill
District CG Officer
Twelfth Naval District
U.S. Courthouse
San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. N. J. Lund,
Ferndale, California.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 12, 1944, has just been received, due to its having been improperly addressed. Commander Merrill is not the District Coast Guard Officer and is no longer attached to this District.

Mr. Morton M. Palmer, deceased Lighthouse Keeper, was retired under the Lighthouse Retirement Act and no deductions were made from his salary under that Act for his retirement. Retired pay of employees covered by the Lighthouse Retirement Act ceases upon the death of the employee concerned and no provision was ever made for the widows of such employees.

The majority of civil service Government employees are covered by the General Retirement Act and deductions are made from the pay of such employees to partially cover retired pay. Some one who knew of the General Retirement Act and who did not know of the Lighthouse Retirement Act must have advised Mrs. Palmer that deductions had been made from Mr. Palmer's salary but this was in error.

The above information has been furnished to Mrs. Palmer in reply to a direct inquiry from her.

By direction of Commodore Philip F. Roach, USCG, District Coast Guard Officer, Twelfth Naval District.

Very truly yours,

T. C. BREAZEALE
LIEUTENANT, USCGR
By direction

Very truly yours,
N. J. Lund.

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URDIS 221745 X 7 JAN 1944 BT 221830

REF. (221745) ASCERTAIN FROM CORONER EUREKA AND ADVISE BY DISPATCH FIXED DATE OF DEATH MORTON M PALMER RETIRED LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER CAPE MENDOCINO LIGHT STATION

TOD 2029/22/FEB AK

We will be in San Francisco the [illegible]
on a few days leave and will try to get up to say hello
anyway.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie and Ray Crockett

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INITIALS OF "RELEASING" OFFICER

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which we did move to this above address. So, hence the retirement pension started Nov. 1st 1943. He

Cape Mendocino Light Station
Ferndale, California
31 January, 1944

Dear Mrs. Allen,

Will write to you at the Custom House as I am somewhat doubtful as to the postman's ability to find your home address ! Maybe it is not so difficult as it sounds however.

Regarding Mr. Palmer's death: It seems that Mr. Palmer left his home in Ferndale Tuesday, January 4, 1944 to go up in the hills after some leaf-mold for his garden.

He did not return home Tuesday or Wednesday and on Thursday a searching party was organized to look for him. He was found close to his car dead and had evidently suffered a heart attack as he was subject to them. We attended his funeral Saturday, January 8, 1944. Burial was made in Ferndale.

We are surely enjoying ourselves at Cape Mendocino. Especially on the stormy days when we can watch the waves breaking on the rocks and know that there is no rolling pitching launch to contend with. Our road has a rather bad reputation but it seems like a four lane highway to me.

Do you know anything about how the Family Allowance Benefits work Mrs. Allen ? I applied for it in November, 1943 and since that date I have had twenty two dollars a month deducted from my pay and twenty seven deducted for the house. Have not been getting the fifty dollar allowance but perhaps it will come later from another source.

Have also been hopefully waiting for some furniture to arrive as we were told last year that they were sending some.

We will be in San Francisco the middle of February on a few days leave and will try to get up to say hello anyway.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie and Ray Crockett

105-9 Main St. Ferndale, Calif.,
Feb. 14th, '44

Mrs. E M. Allen
San Francisco, Calif.,

My Dear Mrs Allen:- at last, I've gotten around to write you. tho, at first I did not know really just who to write to or, whether I was the one to inform head quarters of the sudden passing away of Dear Mr. Palmer (Morton M.) Ex-Keeper of Cape Mendocino Lt. Sta., for these past 19 yrs - Having gone there July 1924 and retired 1943 - Pardon to write this late in the day as perhaps you've heard ere this that he passed away very, very sudden with a heart attack while out on a range seeking leaf mold for his flower & Vegetable gardens which he has been making since buying this little home at above address to settle down thru out retirement - tho, I realize I should have informed head quarters of his passing at the time or, else, had some one else do so like perhaps Mr. Rickard our assistant keeper still on time at Cape Mendocino Lt. Sta., but I was so shocked and grieved at the time that I could not think of any thing but my great miss then it all got my nerves so that my hair turned and my whole nerves collapsed on me and started my teeth to ache and had to have the whole upper set Extracted. Started Friday 28th & had the last one out this A.M. So, I've been under the weather & what with so many around me that I could not think of business or to write in But, hope that will not matter now that you've gotten the news of his passing.

Mrs. Allen, I'm not posted up entirely on government affairs along the line of whether ones family or, wife, in Mr. Palmer's case as one no children are entitled to any of his pension or retirement check which I believe he has received one and may be two - as you have a record there - He left the Station Cape Mendocino at the end of the last fiscal year July 1st 1943 - was given 4 months back-time that which was a coming to him as he had taken no annual leaves for 4 years so, hence, was reserved for him & head quarters gave him this time to pack, seek a place & move, & which we did move to this above address. So, hence the retirement pension started Nov. 1st 1943. He

died Either (Jan. 4th 5th or 6th) as he was missing these days - He was alone at the time

The way things are now with so much pensions & relief do I understand the widow gets any or part of their husband's pension or, a lump sum for, I under-stand its reserved there for him each month out of his monthly pay check these past 30 yrs or, rather 32 years to be exact as he's that time over spent in Service So, hence its ours - rather then to go back to the government, or, not? For, I surely need it in my Case as I do not hear very well and can not go out & seek work & Im alone So Im out clear out- And, too, Mr. Palmer was drawing a little pension of $15.00 monthly from the navy on a broken hand which occured while he was fireman I under stand, while with the Navy when he first started to work for the government before he entered the Lt. House branch (you'll find out) and this $15.00 was sent to an orphan family of 5 relations of ours in Missouri for years So, hence imagine what a blow it will mean to me now and alone not to get the benefit of our paid up pension for 30 odd years if it stops now + that $15.00 pension too -

I under stand the $15.00 pension with Navy really does stop at his death or, not? Answer please - But Im not clear whether this Civil Service Service Light House paid up in full retirement does or not - and hope you may both these Matters regarding pensions to me Mrs Allen that I may fully understand whats right & correct law regarding all about it - & what to expect rather than listen to a lot of red tape from others who do not really know - Hoping for an Early and favorable reply from you - & Thanks in advance

Iam Very Respt.,

Mrs. Morton M. Palmer.

1059 Main St.,

Ferndale.

Calif.,

Ferndale, Calif.
105-9 Main St.,
Feb. 19th, '44

Ella M. Allen
San Francisco, Calif.

San Francisco, California,
February 21, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Palmer,

I just received your letter of February 19th and am so sorry but Mr. Palmer never had any deductions made from his salary to pay for retirement. All Lighthouse Keepers are under the Lighthouse Retirement Act which permits them to retire with 30 years service at the age of 65 voluntarily, or for disability with 15 years of service. Their pay is figured on their last five years of service. When they have had 30 years of service, they get three-fourths of their average pay for the last five years of service. No refund can be made you since no deductions were made from his pay.

There were two retirement acts in the Lighthouse Service - the Lighthouse Service Retirement Act which pertained to keepers, vessel employees and technical office employees like Captain Rhodes, and the General Retirement Act for all other employees like myself. Under the General Retirement Act 3½% was taken from our salaries up to July 1, 1943. Since July 1, 1943, 5% has been taken from our salaries to help pay for our pensions. Nothing has ever been taken from the Lighthouse Keepers' salaries since the Lighthouse Retirement Act does not require that any deductions be made.

The regrettable thing is that widows of retired Lighthouse employees are not entitled to any pension and this has always been true. The Lighthouse Retirement Act only takes care of the retired employee and not his family.

During the calendar year 1943 and it still continues, deductions were made from every employee's pay to take care of the Federal Income Tax. This money we do not get back.

If Mr. Palmer filed an Income Tax return in previous years, you should file one for him, I believe, for the calendar year 1943. You had better see someone about this to be on the safe side.

Mrs. Palmer I am more sorry than I can tell you that I have no good news for you but the above is absolutely true. If there is anything further that I can do for you, please do not hesitate to write to me.

Sincerely yours,

Ferndale, Calif.,
1059 Main St.,
Feb. 19th, '44

Ella M. Allen
San Francisco, Calif.,

My Dear Mrs Allen:-

I.st, pardon to write you again, but, since your letter of the 8.th I've read it over & over & and tried to take it as you put it but, it does not fully explain to satisfy things. For, as, you know, the money held mine for Morton M. Palmer's retirement pension these past 32 yrs of service rendered for Uncle Sam and I've heard Morton say in reply to me asking him why he never took out life insurance that- his pension is the same as any insurance for us." & "that if it wasn't for this being taken out of his monthly pay check towards this pension this check would be So & So" &, that he was glad it was as it is So as to have it when re- -tirement comes. - now, Mrs.

February 8, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Palmer,
1059 Main Street,
Ferndale, California.

Dear Mrs. Palmer,

I received your letter yesterday and was so sorry to learn of your husband's death. I am also sorry to have to tell you that the widow of a retired Lighthouse Keeper can not receive a pension or any pay whatsoever as the result of her husband's retirement. His retired pay lapses with his death. You are only entitled to his retired pay from January 1st to the date of his death which will probably be fixed as January 4th, 1944.

I have notified Coast Guard Headquarters of Mr. Palmer's death. Once upon a time the Office paid retired Lighthouse Keepers but they have been paid for the last few years direct from Washington, D. C. I asked Headquarters to advise you what steps you should take to get your husband's retired pay from January 1st to the date of his death and you will no doubt hear from Headquarters' Office at Washington within the next few weeks. They are very slow these days owing to the great amount of work to be done. Mr. Palmer must have been getting a card each month which he signed and returned to Headquarters in order to get his retired pay. If you have not already done so, it might be well for you to write and send the card back and explain that your husband died on January 4th, 5th, or 6th - if the Coronor fixed the date of death, you can perhaps give the exact date as that will help. Headquarters will send you some papers to fill out; if you haven't the address, it is Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 1300 E Street, N.W., Washington 25, D. C.

I have also called up the Veterans' Bureau here in the City to find out what I could about your husband's pension. The man to whom I talked wasn't able to tell me much without more knowledge than I could give him. He stated that he would send you some information that would assist you and I gave him your address. Believe that there is a possibility of your receiving the Navy pension. I sincerely hope so. The man at the Veterans Bureau here in the City should be able to help you.

I am sorry that I cannot do more to help you but you should you be in need of further advice and I can help you, will be glad to do so. Do not hesitate to write to me.
With sincere sympathy and best wishes Sincerely yours,

3 November 1943

To: E. M. Allen

Subj. Retirement of Morton M Palmer, Keeper at Cape Mendocino Light Station, California. (Disability)

1. Morton M Palmer was last paid on " Shore Stations, Keepers and Light Attendants" payroll for the period 1 October 1943 thru 31 October 1943. This final payment was for 1 October 1943 thru 31 October 1943. The pay earned eas $160.00 less $15.20 Federal with holding tax, net $144.80, the amount of his check.
Settled in November 1943 accounts of G. E. Maxson, Symbol No. 55-327. D. O. Voucher No. 23.

2. The total taxable income earned from 1 January 1943 thru 31 October 1943 was $1554.00.

June 28, 1943

Dear Mr. Palmer,

Thank-you so much for being so prompt in sending Form 2521 back to me, but you were too prompt this time as I do not want the Form until after you have taken your medical examination and I do not want you to take your medical examination until sometime in August. I made a mistake when I told you sometime in July; make it August, please. The reason why is that Headquarters has asked me not to send in requests for retirement so far in advance of the date of retirement, therefore would appreciate it if you would take your physical examination some time in August and then send in the enclosed Form 2521. Have erased the date with ink eradicator so that you may write in August instead of June.

Will you please give us an address while on leave; your leave request came in to-day but there is no address on it, at least I didn't notice one. Have sent it to Commander Dexter for signature and will mail it to you to-morrow.

Sincerely yours,

Ella M. Allen

Civilian Personnel Clerk

(pcp)

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19 June, 1943

To: Keeper, Cape Mendocino Light Station

Subj: Retirement of Keeper

1. District memorandum of 10 June, 1943, did not state that request for leave for 2 months commencing 1 July, 1943, should be submitted. The inclosed leave request, partially filled out, is therefore inclosed for your use in submitting the request for 2 months' leave.

2. Form 2523, Certificate of Medical Examination, Disability Retirement, Civilian Personnel, and Form 2521, Request for Retirement are also inclosed. It is suggested that Form 2523 be presented to Dr. Falk at Eureka, California, towards the close of ~~July~~ August, and the completed Form mailed by Dr. Falk to this office. If Dr. Falk advises you that he has recommended your retirement for disability, you should then fill in the first section on the face of Form 2521, turn the page over and answer the three questions regarding pension and compensation and return the Form, in triplicate to this office for completion and forwarding to Washington.

3. Accompanying Form 2521 to this office should be another request for leave covering the period from 1 September to 31 October, 1943, making your leave continuous and also making it unnecessary for you to return to the Station for duty, except to remove your furniture when advised that your retirement has been approved by Washington, and to turn the Station over to the Keeper who succeeds you.

H.C.HOGREFE
By direction

ENA-CMM.

Form 2521
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 2523)

Date _____

District Coast Guard Officer
Commander, 12th Naval District,

San Francisco, California
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty effective close of October 31, 1943 on the basis of service shown hereon.

_____
(Name)

Keeper, Cape Mendocino Lt. Station
(Designation)

Coast Guard Officer
Office of the District Commander
Twelfth Naval District

City San Francisco, Calif. *Date* _____

Submitted to the Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, recommending retirement at $ 1178.62 per annum, effective at the close of 31 October, 1943

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.

_____
District Commander.

Coast Guard Headquarters, *Washington, D. C.*, _____

Submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending approval.

_____
Commandant.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

16—20161

Name NORTON M. PALMER Date of birth December 8, 1879

Designation Keeper, Cape Mendocino Light Station, California

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)

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy	Nov.	9	1903	Oct.	12	1905	Receives pension service not included below
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment U.S.NAVAL Hospital, Mare Is. Calif.	July	16	1908	May	15	1912	
Keeper (Asst.) & Keeper, various Lt. Stations USCG, 12th Naval Dist.	June	7	1912	Oct.	31	1943	
Total service		35 yrs. 2 Mos. 24 das.					

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? Yes If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim: No. 37542

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			
Keeper, Cape	Nov.	1	1938	June	15	1939		$1500.A.	$ 937.50
Mendocino	June	16	1939	March	31	1942		1560.A.	4355.00
Light Sta.	Apr.	1	1942	Oct.	31	1943		1620.A.	2565.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service 7857.50

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1571.50

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1571.50 × years 30 ÷ 40) = 1178.62
(Not exceeding 30)

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Eureka

Mr. Palmer has annual leave, accumulated and that earned this year, 1943, which will carry him to the end of October from July 1st. Headquarters does not like to have requests retirement submitted so far in advance. It is therefore suggested that Mr. Palmer put in a request for two months leave for the months of July and August and on the last of August, sometime between the 27th and 31st, take a physical examination for the purpose of determining his disability status. If he is found disabled, we then can recommend his retirement and he can continue with his leave until he is retired at the close of October 31st.

6-11-43 - by phone - no objection.

Medical examination can be taken either at Eureka or San Francisco, Public Health Service Relief Station at Eureka, California, or at the Marine Hospital in San Francisco. Marine Hospital is preferable if he should happen to take his vacation down this way. - Prefers Eureka

If he is found fit for duty, nothing is lost, except some of Mr. Palmer's leave and that should not be considered lost since he has had a vacation.

Find out whether Mr. Palmer is willing to have Crockett some one live in his house.

No objection to Crockett.

If he is reasonably certain that he will be found disabled, he can wind up most of his affairs before he goes on his vacation. It may be that Dr. Falk at Eureka is his friend, in which event he can find out now whether Dr. Falk will retire him for disability.

Pension - retiring at close of Oct. 31-'43 - 1178.68

Phoned to Palmer - see Memo of 6-11-43

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

District Coast Guard Officer
JUN 10 1943
12th Naval District

Cape Mendocino S.S.

From: Keeper Cape Mendocino L.S. 6/8-43.

To: District Coast Guard Officer.

Subject: Physical examination of Keeper.

Am not able to prform my duties as Keeper at this station The cause is condition of my heart.

Request I be given a physical examination to ascertain if I can be retired for physical disability

M. M. Palmer.
Keeper.

Cape Mendocino L.S.
Eureka Calif.
6/8-43.

Mrs. Ella M. Allen:-

Kind friends:-

Your letter of May 31st received, thank you for your interest in me & also for your advice,

Believe your suggestion is the proper procedure for me to follow.

Will call & see you if am ordered to city for examination,

Again I thank you,

Truly,

M. M. Palmer,

Keeper.

31 May, 1943.

Dear Mr. Palmer,

It is understood that Cape Mendocino Light Station is about to be made a radiobeacon station in addition to a Light Station and that you do not feel physically able to care for the light and radiobeacon when the radiobeacon is established.

This is a personal letter to you to ascertain if the above is correct and if you really would like to retire because of physical disability. If so, it is suggested that you write an official letter to the District Coast Guard Officer requesting that you be examined for physical disability and disability retirement. You can then be ordered to report to the nearest Public Health Service Physician or to the U. S. Marine Hospital for a physical examination to ascertain if you can be retired for physical disability.

Should you be retired for physical disability, your retirement would be $1182.00 per annum, or a little more. Your retirement would be at the termination of all annual leave due you. Since retirement must always be at the close of a month, any annual leave carrying you over into another month, unless it carries you to the end, must be forfeited.

Sincerely yours

Civilian Personnel Clerk

Name MORTON M. PALMER Date of birth December 8, 1879

Designation Keeper, Cape Mendocino Light Station, California.

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	Oct.	1	1943	Oct.	31	1943		1680.A	140.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service 7862.50

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1572.50

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1571.60 × years 30 (Not exceeding 30) ÷ 40) = ~~1178.62~~ $1179.37

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Address reply to
District Coast Guard Officer (pcp)

Refer to File CG-75

10 June, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO KEEPER, CAPE MENDOCINO LIGHT STATION

Subj: Retirement of Keeper

1. Confirming telephone conversation of this date

(a) Keeper to take 2 months' leave, starting on 1 July.
(b) Keeper then to take physical examination at Public Health Relief Station, Eureka. Examination to be taken the latter part of July; about July 28 - 30th.
(c) If Dr. Falk's findings show physical unfitness for duty - recommendation for retirement will be submitted to Headquarters; retirement to be effective as of October 31st, on expiration of accumulated and earned annual leave.
(d) Keeper will permit Crockett, who is to relieve Palmer, to live in the Keeper's quarters. As there appears to be no question of Keeper's condition and no probable expectation that he will be found fit for return to duty, Keeper may remove from the station such of his belongings as he may desire to move at this time.

(e) When it is definitely known that Keeper will be retired, ~~Keeper's~~ arrangements will be made to move Keeper's furniture to Eureka, if so desired by the Keeper.

(f) Retirement pay, as of October 31 - $1178.68 per annum.

E. C. MERRILL

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

26 May, 1943
(Date)

From: District Coast Guard Officer, San Francisco, Calif.

To: Mr. Morton M. Palmer

Subject: Notification of efficiency rating.

CLASSIFICATION		
SERVICE	GRADE	TITLE
1380-1740		Keeper

1. Your efficiency rating and conduct report for the 12-month period ended March 31 is indicated below:

EFFICIENCY RATINGS	
ADJECTIVE	Very Good
NUMERICAL	3

CONDUCT REPORT	
SATISFACTORY	Yes (Yes or no)

RULES FOR SALARY ADVANCEMENTS.—Subject to conditions established by law and Executive order:

A. An employee whose efficiency rating is "Excellent" or "Very Good" is eligible for salary advancements to the highest rate of compensation in the grade.

B. An employee whose efficiency rating is "Good" is eligible for salary advancement up to and including the middle rate of compensation in the grade (C. S. C. Dept'l Cir. 302).

RULES FOR SALARY REDUCTIONS, DEMOTIONS, OR DISMISSALS.—The following rules are prescribed for the demotion of an employee to a lower grade position, reduction in salary, or both, or dismissal from the service as a result of an efficiency rating (C. S. C. Dept'l Cir. 302):

A. The rate of compensation of an employee whose efficiency rating is "Fair" shall be reduced one salary step if his rate of compensation is above the middle rate. If the rate of compensation is equal to or below such middle salary rate, it shall not be subject to reduction on that account.

B. An employee whose efficiency rating is "Unsatisfactory" shall not be permitted to remain in his position. If he is serving his probationary period, he shall be separated from the service under the rules prescribed for such cases. If he has completed his probationary period, he shall be assigned to a position more nearly commensurate with his ability, in a lower classification grade, and his rate of compensation shall not be in excess of the middle rate for such grade, or if no suitable vacancy is available in a lower classification grade, he shall be separated from the service for inefficiency.

C. No employee who has completed his probationary service shall be demoted to a lower grade position, reduced in salary, or dismissed from the service on the basis of an efficiency rating covering a period of less than 90 calendar days.

INSPECTION OF RATINGS BY EMPLOYEES:

A. A list of all ratings on Standard Form 52 shall be open to inspection by any employee of the department, independent establishment, or other agency under such conditions as to time and place as the head of such organization may prescribe (C. S. C. Dept'l Cir. 302).

B. Every employee has the right to see his rating form, Standard Form 51.

COMMANDER, USCG

D. H. DEXTER
By direction

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N. C. G. No. 2668
Form Approved by Comptroller General, U. S.
April 13, 1934
(Revised 1937)

S. V. No. 6
PAY No. .....

REPORT OF CHANGE IN PAY STATUS

PALMER	MORTON	M.	CIVILIAN	KEEPER
(Surname)	(First name)	(Middle initial)	(Service No.)	(Rank or rating)

CAPE MENDOCINO LIGHT STATION 12TH NAVAL DISTRICT, U.S.C.G.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA,	14 MAY, 1942.
(Unit)	(Place)	(Date)

From: COMMANDING OFFICER.
To: PAY OFFICER.

You are hereby authorized to adjust the pay accounts of the above named for the following reason:

1 April, 1942 - Within-grade administrative promotion from $1560.00 per annum to $1620.00 per annum.

AUTHORITY: SECRETARY OF THE NAVY 1 April,1942.

COMMANDER,USCG
R. S. PATCH (Commanding)

DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER
By direction. (Title)

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1. Receipt of this authorization is hereby acknowledged: The accounts of the above named have been adjusted.

(Date) (Pay officer)

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON

1 April, 1942.

From: Commandant.
To: District Coast Guard Officer, Twelfth Naval District.

Subject: Administrative promotions for certain lighthouse keepers.

1. The Secretary of the Navy, under date of 1 April, 1942, has approved within-grade administrative promotions of the lighthouse keepers listed below under your jurisdiction, effective 1 April, 1942. These promotions are not made under the provisions of Public Law No. 200, approved 1 August, 1941.

2. It will not be necessary to give these employees an official notification of this promotion, but this data should be typed on their Form 2806.

3. In the event that any of the employees named herein have received salary increases subsequent to 1 April, 1942, they are not entitled to and should not receive this promotion. They are, however, entitled to receive this additional compensation from 1 April, 1942 up to and including the day before they received a promotion.

Name	Range	Present Salary	Increase	Location
Davis, Harry	$1320-1680	$1440	$60	Alcatraz I.
Schneider, Edward H.	1140-1500	1200	60	Alcatraz I.
Kreth, Frederick A.	1560-1920	1560	60	Ano Nuevo I.
Hicks, Stephen A.	1200-1560	1260	60	Bonita Pt.
Palmer, Morton M.	1380-1740	1560	60	Cape Mendocino
Lee, George C.	1200-1560	1200	60	Carquinez St.
Saunders, Fred C.	1380-1740	1440	60	Carquinez St.
Simonson, James E.	1260-1620	1380	60	Crescent City
Miller, Willard	1440-1800	1680	60	East Brother I.
McGrath, John S.	1440-1800	1560	60	Humboldt Bay
Nelson, August	1440-1800	1500	60	Oakland Harbor
Pedersen, Theodore	1260-1620	1260	60	Oakland Harbor
Zimmerman, Frederick C.	1200-1560	1440	60	Pigeon Point
Miller, Harry W.	1260-1620	1260	60	Point Arena
Petersen, George W.	1200-1560	1200	60	Point Pinos
Henderson, Thomas	1380-1740	1440	60	Point Pinos
Johnson, Norman E.	1380-1740	1380	60	Point Sur
Sauer, Theodore J.	1380-1740	1440	60	Roe I. Lt. St.
Johnson, Chester M.	1560-1920	1560	60	St. George Reef
Woyner, John J.	1440-1800	1440	60	Southhampton
Miner, Lemuel	1320-1680	1440	60	Yerba Buena I.
Piland, Wayne R.	1140-1500	1320	60	Yerba Buena I.

N. R. STILES,
By direction.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT
FEB 11 1941
U.S. COAST GUARD

3 February, 1941.

Mr. Palmer,

Your Station is not entitled to compensatory leave. Advise at once what you mean by charging compensatory leave, 1 day and 9 hours to yourself and 21 hours to Mr. Palmer.

Compensatory leave was placed on the Form for Stations granted compensatory leave. Annual leave is only granted to the keepers of your Station, 26 days a year.

E.M.ALLEN

Thanks for

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT
FEB 11 1941
U. S. COAST GUARD

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Cape Mendocino,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Feb 10th, 1941

Miss E. M. Allen.

The 1 day + 9 hrs was charged to myself. The 21 hrs was charged to Mr Richards. I duly signed his reports.

My mistake as to Compensatory Leave.

Thank you

M. M. Pullman
Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

NOV 21 1939
SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, California,
21 November, 1939.

From: Acting Superintendent of Lighthouses.
To: M. M. Palmer, Keeper, Cape Mendocino Light Station.

Subject: Enlistment in the Coast Guard Service.

Reference: Your letter 20 November, 1939.

1. If you do not apply for enlistment in the Coast Guard Service, you will not be discharged from your present position but will be retired under the Lighthouse Retirement Act at the age of 65 years if you have had 30 years service and desire retirement. You will be compulsorily retired at the age of 70 as heretofore. You will remain a civilian until you have reached retirement age.

2. If you are receiving a pension from the Army or Navy on account of disability, you would be disabled for enlistment in the Coast Guard and must remain in the Service under the Lighthouse Retirement Act as a civilian. If you are receiving an Army or Navy retirement pension, for length of service, it is not believed that you could enter the Coast Guard Service unless you gave up your retirement pay and withdrew from the Army or Navy, as in drawing retirement pay, you are subject to recall by either the Army or Navy.

O. L. JENKINS

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT
NOV 21 1939
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Cape Mendocino
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 20th, 1939.

Superintendent of Lighthouses 7th District
San Francisco Calif.

Sir,

Regarding application for enlistment in Coast Guard.

If we do not apply for enlistment we will be discharged or retired with retirement pay.

If we apply & are accepted in Coast Guard, We will we lose our Navy & Army pensions.

Respectfully

M. M. Palmer,
Keeper.

SEPTEMBER 20,1939.

C. YEOMAN TREGNOR,

James W. Black from the U.S.Coast Guard Station, Samoa, Calif.,is now substituting for Philson Rickard, Assistant Keeper, Cape Mendocino Light Station, while he is away on annual leave.

As soon as Rickard returns from leave, Morton M. Palmer, Keeper of Cape Mendocino Light Station, desires 43 days of annual leave commencing October 2nd and ending November 13th.

Will you please direct Black to remain at the Station until Palmer's return on or about November 13th.

E.M.A.

1:15 pm 20 Sept

Egan — Lt Comdr Johnson says that Black has been directed to stay

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 San Francisco Dist. U.S. Coast Guard Lighthouse **Date** Sept 29 – 39

1. Name in full (Mr., ~~Miss, or Mrs.~~) Palmer (Surname) Morton (Given name) Modesto (Middle name)
2. Present address Star Route (Number) (Street) Ferndale (City) Calif. (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence Calif. (State and Congressional District) Humboldt (County) Capetown (City or town)
4. Where born Missouri (State or foreign country) Troy (City or town) When born Dec 8th 79 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien
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	
X			X			X		

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you One, Wife – Age 49
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
Navy	Hospital Mare Island Calif.	Watchman	$480 per	Oct	14	1905	May	4th	1912
Lighthouse	St George Reef	4th 3rd & 2nd Asst.		May	14th	1905	Not employed		
	Pt Loma,	2nd & 1st Asst							
	Cape Mendocino	Keeper,							

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
No	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:
No
(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?
No
(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 Nov 9th 1903	Discharged Oct 12th 05	Enlisted	Discharged
Rank Coal Passer	Rank Fireman 1st Class	Rank	Rank
Organization	Organization	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.) None

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

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. M. M. Palmer

Relationship Wife. Post office address Star Route, Ferndale, Calif.

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

Mariam M. Palmer
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

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SAN FRANCISCO OCT 3 1939 LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT

EMA

January 18, 1939.

Mr. M. M. Palmer,
Keeper, Cape Mendocino Light Station.

1. Referring to the Superintendent's letter to you of November 22nd regarding your service at the Mare Island Navy Yard, the following letter has been received from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D. C:

"In reply to your request for the service record of Mr. M.M. Palmer, the earliest payroll on file in this Bureau from the U.S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California, dated July 16 to 31, 1908, shows him employed as a night watchman at a salary of $35.00 per month. On February 1, 1911, his pay was increased to $40.00 per month with no change in rating, which he maintained during the remainder of his service, terminating by discharge of 15 May 1912."

2. While the above may not cover all your service as a night watchman at the Naval Hospital at Mare Island, since it is all the service that can be verified, it is all that can be accepted.

3. Since you will not be 65 years of age until December 8, 1944, the earliest date that you can retire, and by that time you will have had more than 30 years of Lighthouse service, and therefore will not need the above service so far as your retirement is concerned, it is suggested that the above statement of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery at Washington, D.C. be accepted.

H. W. RHODES
Superintendent.

Captain Rhodes:

Labor Board stated that this civil employment of Mr. Palmer would count towards his retirement. He doesn't really need it as by the time he is 65 years of age, he will have had more than 30 years of Lighthouse Service.

EMA

Entered on duty as an Assistant Keeper on June 7, 1912

DO NOT ADDRESS THE SIGNER OF THIS LETTER
BUT ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO
BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY
NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.
AND REFER TO NO. LL/NH15(122)

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
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Subject: Service record of Morton M. Palmer, Night Watchman, U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California.

Reference: Your letter, 9 December 1938.

1. In reply to your request for the service record of Mr. M. M. Palmer, the earliest payroll on file in this Bureau from the U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California, dated July 16 to 31, 1908, shows him employed as a night watchman at a salary of $35.00 per month. On February 1, 1911, his pay was increased to $40.00 per month with no change in rating, which he maintained during the remainder of his service, terminating by discharge on 15 May 1912.

W. S. Douglass

W. S. DOUGLASS
Chief Clerk

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JAN 16 1939
SAN FRANCISCO

WASHINGTON, D. C. 10 January 1939.

From: Chief Clerk, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.
To: Superintendent of Lighthouses, Customhouse, San Francisco, California.

Subject: Service record of Morton M. Palmer, Night Watchman, U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California.

Reference: Your letter, 9 December 1938.

1. In reply to your request for the service record of Mr. M. M. Palmer, the earliest payroll on file in this Bureau from the U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California, dated July 16 to 31, 1908, shows him employed as a night watchman at a salary of $35.00 per month. On February 1, 1911, his pay was increased to $40.00 per month with no change in rating, which he maintained during the remainder of his service, terminating by discharge on 15 May 1912.

W. S. Douglass

W. S. DOUGLASS
Chief Clerk

EMA

December 9, 1938.

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery,
Civilian Personnel Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

1. Morton M. Palmer, Keeper of the Cape Mendocino Light Station, this District, claims service at the Mare Island Navy Yard at the U. S. Naval Hospital prior to May, 1912.

2. In response to an inquiry from this Office the Recorder of the Mare Island Navy Yard advises that the earliest payroll on file is dated January 1, 1908, and an "M. M. Palmer" appeared thereon as a Watchman, with pay at the rate of $35.00 per month; pay increased to $40.00 per month on February 1, 1911, discharged May 15,1912. The Recorder has advised that Mr. Palmer's complete record of service could, no doubt, be obtained from your Office.

3. Will you please furnish this Office with the complete record of Mr. Palmer's service at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island Navy Yard, Mare Island, California, for retirement purposes.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Very truly yours,

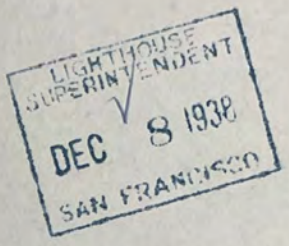
O. L. JENKINS

Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouses.

LABOR BOARD
UNITED STATES NAVY YARD
MARE ISLAND, CALIFORNIA

MRA Rn

6 December 1938



Superintendent of Lighthouses
Customhouse
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of 22 November 1938, in the case of Morton M. Palmer, who claims service at this Yard prior to 4 May 1912, please be advised that the records of the Naval Hospital are not complete, and for your information I am enclosing a copy of the Accounting Officer's memorandum, which sets forth such information as appears in their files.

A record of Mr. Palmer's service from the date of his first employment could no doubt be obtained by addressing a communication to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (Civilian Personnel Division), Washington, D. C., as that Bureau would have copies of the payrolls in their files.

Under existing Civil Service Retirement laws, when Mr. Palmer's service has been verified, he may make application for credit toward retirement for such services.

Very truly yours,

Martin R. Aden

MARTIN R. ADEN
Acting Recorder

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
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U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, MARE ISLAND, CALIFORNIA

Mare Island, California

28 November 1938

MEMORANDUM:

From: Accounting Officer.
To: Recorder, Labor Board, Navy Yard, Mare Island, California.

Subject: Palmer, Morton M. - Request for employment record.

Reference: (a) Recorder, Labor Board, letter DEC MRA Rn, 11-25-38.

1. The Labor Board is informed that this hospital has no record on file as to the date of the first employment of Morton M. Palmer. The earliest payroll on file is dated 1 January 1908, and a "M. M. Palmer" appeared thereon as a Watchman, with pay at the rate of $35.00 per month; pay increased to $40.00 per month on 1 February 1911; discharged 15 May 1912.

2. Although the position was not within the purview of the retirement act at the time of Mr. Palmer's employment, existing laws allow credit toward retirement for such services.

E. F. ARON

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November 22,1938.

Mr. Morton M. Palmer,
Keeper, Cape Mendocino Light Station.

1. As requested in your letter of November 19th, your Honorable Discharge from the U. S. Navy showing service from November 9,1903, to October 12, 1905, is returned herewith after having been made of record.

2. The statement of the Medical Director of U. S. Naval Hospital at Mare Island Navy Yard is also returned. This statement as given is of little value as no dates are mentioned. This Office is writing to the Recorder of the Yard for your service and when received by this Office you will be advised.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent.

EMA

November 22, 1938.

Recorder, U. S. Navy Yard,
Mare Island, California.

Dear Sir:

1. Mr. Morton M. Palmer, Keeper of the Cape Mendocino Light Station, claims service at your Navy Yard as night watchman at the U.S.Naval Hospital prior to May 4, 1912, and submits in substantiation thereof a letter dated May 4, 1912, signed by P.A. Lovering, Medical Director in command of the Hospital, to the effect that he filled the position of night watchman at the Hospital for seven years.

2. Will you please advise whether the position was a civil service one for which he can claim retirement and give the dates of employment and his pay in order that Mr. Palmer's service may be made of record.

Very truly yours,

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Cape Mendocino
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 19th, 1938

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir.

In regard to my Govt service.
Enclosed find my Discharg from U S Navy & a statement of time served at U S Naval Hosp at Mare Island.

My service has been continuous for Govt since I entered navy in 1903.

Would like this verified and entered on my record in Light-house service record, and papers returned to me.

Respectfully
M M Palmer
Keeper.

EMA

May 9, 1928.

Mr. Wellington C. Papson,
Keeper-at-Large,
Farallon Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Record of your Medical Examination is enclosed. This should be retained by you.

H. W. RHODES

Copy for Keeper, Farallon Light Station.

1. Copy of the above medical examination is enclosed for the files of your station.

H. W. RHODES

WW:EMA

June 25, 1924.

Captain, Tender SEQUOIA,
Master, Tender MADRONO.

1. The next Tender visiting San Diego Harbor will take aboard the furniture of M. M. Palmer, First Assistant Keeper, Point Loma Light Station, who has been transferred to the position of Keeper, Cape Mendocino Light Station.

2. The furniture and household effects of Palmer weigh about three tons and will be delivered by motor truck from Point Loma Light Station to any point designated by the Master of the Tender, the furniture to be transported to San Francisco.

H. W. RHODES.

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT SEP 19 1939 SAN FRANCISCO

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT NOV 16 1939 SAN FRANCISCO

Original

REQUEST

Cape Mendocino Sept 17th 1939
(Station)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 43 days of shore liberty or leave, from Oct. 2nd to Nov 13th, inclusive, 1939. I have had no days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

James W. Black, U.S. Coast Guard Station, Damon Calif.
(Name) (P. O. Address)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

(Street or R. D. Route), Ethlyn (City), Missouri (State)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

M. M. Palmer
Keeper.

M. M. Palmer
(Applicant's signature)
1st Asst

(Title)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, San Francisco U. S. COAST GUARD DISTRICT, September 20th, 1939

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 43 days, from OCTOBER 2nd to November 13th, inclusive, 1939.

Substitute will (Insert "must" or "need not") be furnished during this absence.

by the Coast Guard

O. L. Jenkins
Superintendent, San Francisco *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 1 P.M. Oct 2nd 1939.
(State nearest hour)

Returned to duty: At 1P. M. Nov 13th, 1939.
(State nearest hour)

Period of absence: 42 days.

Period charged: 32-12/24 days.

M. M. Palmer
(Applicant's signature)

1st Asst Keeper.
(Title)

Certified correct and forwarded.

M. M. Palmer
Keeper.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Cape Mendocino
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Sept 12, 1927.

Superintendent of Lighthouses 18th District,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir -

Was delayed thirty hours, by washout of railroad track at Helper. Utah, Called at your office, morning of Sept 10th, In your absence, Mr Jenkins granted me an extension of leave.

Respectfully,
M. M. Palmer
Keeper.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Cape Mendocino
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

July 30, 1927.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 18th District,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

If Short Leave requested on enclosed form 1076, cannot be granted, would be glad to take leave without pay, for the overtime.

Did not take any annual leave last year. This leave is for the purpose of attending a family reunion.

Respectfully,

M. H. Palmer

Keeper.