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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: ROBINS, EDWARD E **DOB:** ? ; 1024 1879

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 [2]	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: _____

Edward E. Robins

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Hawaii.

Edward E. Robins

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
2nd Asst Kpr., Molokai L.S., T.H.	$756.	L. H.	Apr. 8, 1914.
1st " " Kilauea Pt. L.S., T.H.	816.	"	Oct. 1, 1915.
Keeper Honolulu Har. L.S. sta., T.H.	720.	"	July 26, 1917.
" Increases "	840	"	Nov. 1, 1918.
" " " "	900	"	April 8, 1919
" " " "	1020	"	Jan 10, 1921.
" Changed " "	840	"	Feb. 16, 1924.
" Read. of pay "	1080	"	JUL 1 1924
" Readjustment of pay Act - Dec. 6, 1924 "	1260	"	FEB 1 1925

RESIGNED CLOSE OF April 30, 1925

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 30 1914

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 19th DISTRICT,

Honolulu, T. H., March 19th, 1914
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK MAR 31 1914 5

Action recommended, Probationary Appointment.

Name, * Edward E. Robins — Legal residence, Hawaii.

Position, 2nd Assistant Keeper — Salary, $756.00 A.

Location, For assignment to Molokai Light Station. T.H. — Appropriation, [illegible]

APPOINTMENT WRITTEN APR 1 1914 DEPT OF COMMERCE

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5 Effective { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. April 3, 1914.

Former position, None — Former salary, None

Location, None.

Rank on eligible list, 1st Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.5, Other eligibles considered:

None. Keepers already in service, and considered competent, decline the position.

Previous incumbent, John Makahi — Services terminated, April 2, 1914.

Reason, Promoted. - requested Done 4-3-14 JWS

Relatives in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Quarters furnished by the government.
Authority by cable is requested.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. March 19, 1914

Jno. W. Short
Secretary, Hawaii Civil Service District.

A. E. Rhodes
Inspector, 19th Lighthouse Dist. EHW

* no papers Mrs. J

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 31 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. L. Murray
Acting Commissioner

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1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

April 3, 1914.

Mr. Edward E. Robins,

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 Seven Hundred and Fifty-six 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.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 3 1914 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

CHANGE REPORTED MAY 1914 U. S. COMMISSION.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: John Makahi.
Legal Residence: Hawaii.

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Form 111

Gen.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT MAY 9 1914 HOUSES

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK MAY 18 1914 5

I, Edward E. Robins,

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.

APPOINTMENTS MAR 18 914

☞ Edward E. Robins
(Appointee signs here)

TERRITORY OF HAWAII NOTARIAL SEAL

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 23d day of April, A. D. 1914

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) E. Van Leer

(Official title) Dist. Clerk 1st Jud. Cir.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 2d. Asst. Kpr.	$756.00 A	Assigned to Molokai Light Station.
Former[5] None	---	---

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

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 19th District

Honolulu, T. H. (Address), April 25, 1914. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 8, 1914. (Date)

A. E. Theodore
(Signature, followed by title)
Inspector, 19th Lighthouse Dist.

[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.

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

LIGHT
MAY 9 1914
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1913.

CHIEF CLERK
MAY 12 1914
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To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

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.

APPOINTMENTS
MAY 23 1914

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

CARDED.

PART I.

(Part I 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. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. Edward Ernest Robins

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

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

Kalaupapa	Hawaii	Kalawao	—
City or town.	~~State or~~ Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Hilea, Kau, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

6. When were you born? October (Month.) 24 (Day.) 1879 (Year.)

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

Mr. John H. Travis (Name.) | (Number and street.)

Kaipahu, Ewa. Oahu. (City or town.) | Hawaii (~~State or~~ Territory.)

8. 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.		

9. 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.)

Lighthouse examination, December 15th 1913.

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

"No" Eyesight "good" and wear no glasses.

11. 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.			

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

No.

13. 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.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
	No.		

14. 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.

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

15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Name under which service was rendered No.

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

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 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

As field overseer at Ewa Plantation, previous to this with the Hawaiian Dredging Co., Pearl Harbor, run launches, taking soundings, general repairing in shops.

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.)

Private Schools in Honolulu, namely: St. Louis College, Kamehameha School and Dolani College.

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.")

Qualified as "Clerk"

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

Lighthouse examination only, December 15th 1913.

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. April 21st, 1914.

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Edward E. Robins.

P. O. Address: Kalaupapa, City or town.

Molokai. Number and street.

Hawaii. ~~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 April 25th, 1914.

(Signature) W. E. Ellicdge

(Official title) Inspector, 19th Lighthouse Dist.

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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:

Lighthouse Service (Bureau or Service.) Molokai Light Station (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) 19th (District.)

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

3. State the date of appointment. April 3, 1914.

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

April 8, 1914.

5. State the date of the oath. April 23, 1914.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. April 8, 1914.

7. What is his salary? $756.00 per annum.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries, 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. --

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.)

Examination, Keepers and Assistant Keepers.

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.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) A E Clark

(Official title) Inspector, 19th Lighthouse Dist

Date: April 25th, 19 14

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT SEP 2 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 19th DISTRICT,

Honolulu, T.H., (City.) August 19 (Date.), 1915.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

APPOINTMENT WRITTEN SEP 13 1915 DEPT OF COMMERCE

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, Edward E. Robins Legal residence, Hawaii.

Position, 1st Assistant Keeper Salary, $816 per annum

Location, Kilauea Point Light Station JN Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses,

Effective October 1, 1915, {~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

CHIEF CLERK SEP 13 191.

APPOINTMENTS SEP 13 1915

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Former position, 2d Assistant Keeper Former salary, $756 per annum

Location, Molokai Light Station JN

APPOINTMENTS SEP 1915 9 00

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

Previous incumbent, John H. Kanekoa Services to be terminated, on or about Sept.30, 1915.

Reason, **Dismissal recommended.** case to be referred

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: As this transfer is in the interests of the Service it is recommended that payment of actual and necessary traveling expenses from Kalaupapa to Kilauea Point Light Station be authorized.

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

A E Rudge
Inspector, 19th Lighthouse Dist.

Secretary, Civil Service District

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 13, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

The Nineteenth Inspector's letter of August 19, 1915, transmitting nominations for appointment of keepers to fill vacancies resulting from the dismissal of Kanekoa is attached to this nomination, and recommendation that actual and necessary traveling expenses be authorized in each appointment is concurred in by the Bureau.

APPROVED, September 14, 1915. including traveling expenses:

E. E. Brown
Acting Secretary.

W Gilroy
Acting Commissioner

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1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT SEP 2 1915 HOUSES

JAS-MWM

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII
August 19, 1915.

Changes in Keepers.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to my letters of August 10, 1915, submitting charges preferred against John H. Kanekoa, First Assistant Keeper, and John N. Ano, Second Assistant Keeper, of Kilauea Point Light Station, T.H., in which the dismissal of the former and the demotion and transfer of the latter were recommended; also to my letter of this date recommending the transfer of William F. Williams.

Following is a schedule of proposed changes in keepers and assistant keepers to fill vacancies created, and for other reasons as stated:

John H. Kanekoa, First Assistant Keeper, Kilauea Point, $816 per annum, dismissal recommended (see letter August 10, 1915).

Edward E. Robins, Second Assistant Keeper, Molokai, $756 per annum, transfer and promotion to First Assistant Keeper, Kilauea Point recommended. Mr. Robins desires this transfer and is deserving of promotion.

William F. Williams, Keeper, Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Fort Street light, and Channel Lights,3,4,5,6,and 7, $720 per annum, transfer to Second Assistant Keeper, Molokai, recommended (see letter this date).

withdrawn See Inspector's letter of Aug 31-15 MCC

James M. Keanu, Keeper, Molokai, $900 per annum, transfer to Keeper, Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Fort Street light, and Channel Lights 3,4,5,6 and 7 recommended. Mr. Keanu desires this transfer as he has been at Molokai, which is at the Leper Settlement, for six years. It is the policy of this office to transfer keepers from this station when they so desire after a reasonably long satisfactory service there.

John M. Sweeney, First Assistant Keeper, Makapuu, $816 per annum, transfer and promotion to keeper, Molokai, recommended. Mr. Sweeney is deserving of promotion and desires this transfer.

Frank A. Peterson, Keeper, Kauhola Point, $480 per annum, transfer and promotion to First Assistant Keeper, Makapuu Point, recommended. Mr. Peterson desires this transfer.

John N. Ano, Second Assistant Keeper, Kilauea Point, $756 per annum, transfer and demotion to Keeper, Kauhola Point, recommended (See letter August 10, 1915).

Charles K. Akana, Keeper, Kanahena Point, $480 per annum, transfer and promotion to Second Assistant Keeper, Kilauea Point, recommended. Mr. Akana desires this transfer. Department letter of February 19, 1915, addressed to Charles K. Akana, discontinued his services effective at a date to be fixed. As this letter will not become effective prior to the proposed transfer, it is inclosed herewith for cancellation.

It is recommended that actual and necessary traveling expenses be authorized in each appointment. It is proposed,

however, to transfer the keepers by tender wherever practicable.

The nomination of a suitable person for the position of keeper, Kanahena Point, will be forwarded at an early date.

In making the recommendations herein all available employees were considered and selections made on a merit basis, with due regard to school facilities for children, transferring keepers from isolated stations, etc. Approval of the action recommended will not in any case be in violation of section 2 of Rule I of the Civil Service Rules.

Cable advice is requested of any action taken by the Bureau which is not in accordance with recommendations herewith, in order that revised recommendations may be submitted.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1915.

Mr. Edward E. Robins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Eight Hundred and Sixteen 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 $756 per annum.)

Your actual and necessary traveling expenses from Kalaupapa to Kilauea Point Light Station, T. H., have been authorized.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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OMAHA REPORTED OCT 1915 COMMISSION

SEP 15 1915

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John H. Kanekoa.

Legal Residence: Hawaii.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT OCT 30 1915 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK NOV 2 1915

I, Edward E. Robins,

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.

☞ Edward E. Robins
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENT NOV 2 15

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 30th day of September, A. D. 1915.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. M. Shadinger

(Official title) Chief Clerk

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	First Assistant Keeper	$816 per annum	Kilauea Point Light Station, T.H.
Former[5]	Second Assistant Keeper	$756 " "	Molokai Light Station, T.H.

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 19th DISTRICT

Honolulu, T. H. (Address), October 16, 1915. (Date)

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The above-named appointee entered upon duty on October 1, 1915. (Date)

(Signature, followed by title)

Inspector, 19th Lighthouse Dist.

[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.

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WESTERN UNION
TELEGRAM

Honolulu February 21 1917

CHIEF CLERK FEB 21 1917
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APPOINTMENT FEB 21 1917

USLHE Washington

Authorize transfer ~~Edwards~~ Robins to keeper Honolulu Harbor Restore Au to assistant effective Pelvico Irrident Nomination ~~Kaufman~~ Kilauea by mail

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
FEB 23 1917
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(Signed) Arledge

CHIEF CLERK FEB 21 1917

TRANSLATION

Authorize transfer Robins to keeper Honolulu Harbor Restore Au to assistant effective February twenty sixth Advise by telegraph Nomination to fill the vacancy Kilauea by mail

APPOINTMENT FEB 21 191

McC. Bureau of Lighthouses,
February 21, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that Edward E. Robins be transferred from the position of first assistant keeper, Kilauea Point Light Station, at $816 per annum, to the position of keeper, Honolulu Harbor Light Station, etc., Hawaii, at $720 per annum, vice Henry K. Au, who, it is recommended be appointed assistant keeper of the same station, at $540 per annum.

These changes are recommended in the interests of the Service, and will not be in violation of section 2 of civil service rule I.

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A. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

February 21, 1917.
APPROVED:

E. F. Sweet
Assistant Secretary.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1917.

Mr. Edward E. Robins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from first assistant keeper at $816 per annum.)

CAPPED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 23 1917 DEPT OF COMMERCE JOURNAL

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Henry K. Au.

Legal Residence: Hawaii.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT APR 2 1917 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK APR 4 1917

I, Edward E. Robins

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.

Edward E. Robins
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENT APR 4 1917

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 13th day of March, A. D. 1917.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Thomas Wood.
Clerk,
(Official title) 19th Lighthouse District.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper.	$720.00 P.A.	Honolulu Harbor & Honolulu Fort St. Light Stations, & Honolulu Harbor Lights Nos. 4, 5, 6 & 7, T. H.
Former [5] 1st Asst. Keeper.	816.00 P.A.	Kilauea Point Light Station, T. H.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 19th District

CARDED

Honolulu, T. H. (Address), March 19, 1917. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 25, 1917. (Date)

(Signature, followed by title)
Inspector, 19th Lighthouse District.

[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.
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[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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APR 8 - 1917

F E. Robins

October 2, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons stated in the Bureau's letter of the 28th ultimo, and in accordance with its recommendation, the Department has granted authority for the discontinuance of Honolulu Channel Light No. 6, Hawaii, effective on the date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

In this connection, it is noted that recommendation will be made at a later date in regard to the designation and pay of the positions of keeper and assistant keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Honolulu Fort Street Light, and Honolulu Harbor Channel Lights Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, T. H.

By direction of the Secretary:

SIGNED) GEO. B. HAVENNER

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December 18, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 15th instant, the Department has granted authority for the discontinuance of Honolulu Harbor Channel Lights Nos. 5 and 7, and Honolulu Temporary Range Light, T. H. The Department has also approved the change of name of Honolulu Fort Street Light to Honolulu Temporary Range Light, T. H.

It is noted that proper recommendation will be submitted to the Department at an early date in regard to the designation and rates of pay of the positions affected by the above-mentioned changes.

By direction of the Secretary:

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E. Co. Robberies

November 19, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In view of the discontinuance of Honolulu Channel Light No. 6, Hawaii, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 17th instant, the Department hereby changes the designation of the positions of keeper and assistant keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Honolulu Fort Street Light, and Honolulu Harbor Channel Lights Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, T. H., to keeper and assistant keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Honolulu Fort Street Light, and Honolulu Harbor Channel Lights Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 7, T. H., without change in the rates of pay.

Acting Secretary.

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UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
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RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Robins, Edward Ernest.

2. Department:

Commerce.

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse.

4. Designation of position:

First Assistant Keeper.

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

Cleaning and attending light.

6. Annual earnings:

$ 801.00

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS.

8. Present rate of pay:

$ 816.00 PA.

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 756.00 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)—

Substitute— Years:	Substitute— Months:	Regular— Years:	Regular— Months:
		2	3

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

Hawaii.

12. Race:

Part Hawaiian.

13. Sex:

Male.

14. Date of birth—

Month: October

Year: 1879

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

E8, H1 (Business and Carpentry).

16. Marital condition:

M.

17. War veteran?

No.

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: Hawaii

County: Hawaii.

19. Civil service status:

C.

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

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21. Place of employment—

City: Kilauea.

State: Ter. Hawaii.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1918.

Mr. Edward E. Robins,

Sir: Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 720 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

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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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Superintendent
OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE [redacted], 19th DISTRICT.

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LIGHT HOUSES APR 7 1919

CHIEF CLERK

Honolulu, T. H. (City.), March 19, (Date.), 191 9

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

1919 APR 8 AM 8 44

Action recommended, Increase of pay

Name, Edward E. Robins — Legal residence, Hawaii

Position, Keeper — Salary, $900 per annum

Location, Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Honolulu, T. H. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of L.H.

Effective April 8, 1914. 1919. — [1 [redacted], or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Same — Former salary, $840 per annum Base pay

Location,

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

APR 8 - 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPOINTMENTS

Previous incumbent, ---------- Services terminated,

Reason,

1919 APR 8 AM 9 34

Members of family in Government Service, -------

Remarks: Mr. Robins will have completed five years' continuous service at the close of April 7, 1919. He entered the Lighthouse Service on April 8, 1914.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 19th District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 7 - 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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1919 APR 7 PM 4 08

Acting Commissioner

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

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1919.

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r. Edward E. Robins,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir: You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ per annum to $ per annum, effective

840. 900.

April 8, 1919, 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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19th District.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 10 1919 PER JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES 670 E

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1920 NOV 4 AM 8 24

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Oct. 12, 1920.

Honolulu Harbor Lightstation, T. H.
Pay of keeper.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to my recommendation of September 15, 1920, in accordance with Bureau endorsement of August 25, 1920, that the position of Assistant Keeper at $660 per annum at Honolulu Harbor Lightstation, T. H., be discontinued, effective September 30, 1920.

2. In the "Schedule of Pay of Keepers" authorized October 10, 1918, this station was classified as follows:

STATION	PAY	EXPLANATORY REMARKS
Honolulu Harbor	840 660	f 120 -(4 mi. lights)

3. On June 1, 1919, one additional minor light, Honolulu Fort Street, electric incandescent, was added to the lights in charge of these keepers, making five minor lights, in addition to the main light.

4. In view of this increase in minor lights, also to the fact that the extra keeper attached to the station was considered in fixing the pay in the schedule referred to above, it is recommended that the pay of the remaining keeper be increased $120 per annum under item "f", making the base pay of this position $900 per annum. It is believed that this increase is justified as the keeper will have considerable added responsibility in looking after the minor lights which were formerly attended by the assistant keeper.

5. Nomination of the Keeper, E. E. Robins, for this increase from October 1, 1920, is inclosed.

A. E. Trudge

Superintendent.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT NOV 4 1920 HOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 19th DISTRICT,

Honolulu, T. H., (City.) October 14, 1920. (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK

Action recommended, Increase in pay

Name, E. E. Robins

Legal residence, Hawaii

1921 JAN 7 PM 12 00

$1020

APPOINTMENTS

Position, Keeper

Salary, ~~$960~~ per annum
(Including $60 per annum longevity pay)

Location, Honolulu Harbor Lightstation, T. H.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of L.H.

Effective # Jan. 7, 1921. ~~October 1, 1920.~~ {'the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or~~ ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

1921 JAN 7 PM 1 15

Former position, Same

Former salary, $900 per annum
(Including $60 per annum longevity pay)

Location, Same

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JAN 10 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Previous incumbent, Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 10 1921 APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 19th District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON Jan. 7, 1921.

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. It is recommended that the base pay of the position of keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station be increased from $840 to $960 per annum, effective Jan. 7, 1921. The rate of pay recommended is reasonable and is not in excess of that paid for the same or similar services during the preceding fiscal year. Inclosed is 19th Supt's. letter of Oct. 12, 1920, together with copies of Bureau letter of Nov. 15, and the Superintendent's reply of Dec. 1, 1920.

APPROVED: JAN 10 1921

Secretary of Commerce.

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

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In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file No. 670-E

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON November 15, 1920.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Honolulu, Hawaii.

1. Referring to your letter of October 12, 1920, relative to the pay of the position of keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station.

2. It is noted that in par. 4 of your abovementioned letter you recommend that the pay of the position of keeper be increased $120 per annum under item "f," and state that the base pay of the position will then be $900 per annum. As the present base pay of this position is $840 per annum, an increase of $120 per annum would make same $960. As it is not clear whether you recommend a base pay of $900 or $960 per annum you are requested to submit further report in the matter; however, in view of the fact that no watches will be required at this station in the future, the Bureau is of the opinion that an increase in base pay of $60 per annum on account of additional minor light would be equitable.

3. As this case does not appear to be an emergency in accordance with Regs. 1918, Art. 406, any increase granted can not be made effective Oct. 1, 1920, as recommended by you, but same must be effective on the date of Department approval. Action on your letter of October 12, 1920, and Form 73 accompanying same, will be deferred pending receipt of your report.

(Signed) G. R. Putnam.

Commissioner of Lighthouses

(COPY)

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 19th Dist.
Honolulu T. H. December 4, 1920.

1. Referring to paragraph 4 of above mentioned letter, the statement that the recommended increase of $120 would make the base pay $900 per annum, was inadvertently made. The new rate would be $960 per annum.

2. Recommendation that the pay of the keeper at this station be increased $120 per annum was made only after consideration of the changed status due to the discontinuance of the position of Assistant Keeper. In view of the number of lights for which this Keeper is responsible, two being lens lantern lights situated in the open water, necessitating a boat trip of about one mile, and which are quite difficult and somewhat dangerous to attend in rough weather, the increase recommended is considered reasonable and just and not excessive in relation to pay at other stations.

3. It is believed that failure to grant the increase of $120 per annum will create dissatisfaction and may result in losing the services of an experienced keeper. This District has recently lost the services of several of its experienced men and advertisements for examinations fail to bring forth any promising material with which to fill vacancies. Due to lack of suitable eligibles the position of Additional Keeper has been vacant for over a year except for two short-term temporary appointments. Persons on the present eligible register and those applying for examination (two of whom are employed temporarily) are not up to the standard required for the Lighthouse Service. In view of this condition it is believed advisable to make every effort to retain the services of efficient, experienced employees.

4. If approved, the Bureau is requested to correct the recommended rate of pay stated on the nomination, to $960 per annum instead of $900 per annum, the increase effective on date of Department approval.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) F. A. Edgecomb.
First Assistant Superintendent.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 10, 1921.

r. Edward E. Robins,

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Sir: Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that, effective January 10, 1921, your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 900 per annum to $ 1020 per annum, (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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April 4, 1923.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 7 1923 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Mr. Edward E. Robins
Keeper Honolulu Harbor Light Station
Honolulu, T. H.

1. The Superintendent notes with considerable surprise, under reported absences in your monthly report for March that you were absent from your station after sunset on two occasions, namely March 1st and 10th, from 8 P. M. to midnight.

2. Having been in the lighthouse service as long as you have, it is not understood why you should be ignorant of the necessity for your presence at the station at all times after sunset, unless you are on authorized annual leave with a qualified substitute provided in your place.

3. To correct any misunderstanding which you may have of the situation, you are advised that you must be on watch at your station at all times from sunset to midnight and observe that Honolulu Harbor light, channel lights 3 and 4, the range lights, and Fort Street light are ~~now~~ burning and in proper condition during that period. After midnight you must keep to your quarters at Honolulu Harbor Light Station within hearing of the alarm bell and telephone, subject to immediate response to any alarm or call from the harbor pilots that any of the lights under your care need attention.

4. You are cautioned that any further absence from your station between sunset and sunrise, unless on authorized leave, will be cause for disciplinary action.

R. R. Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(Forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses in accordance with Paragraph 525 of Regulations)

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
APR 20 1923

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1924 JAN 8 AM 8 36

CHIEF CLERK
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1924 JAN 14 PM 2 59

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 19th DISTRICT,

Honolulu, T. H., (City.) December 27th (Date.), 19 23

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 14 1924
APPOINTMENT

Action recommended, Reduction in salary

Name, Edward E. Robins — Legal residence, Hawaii

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840, including $60 longevity pay.

Location, Honolulu Harbor Light Station T.H. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective February 16, 1924 — {1 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $1020, inclusive of $60 longevity pay

Location, Honolulu Harbor Light Station T.H.

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

Previous incumbent, - - - Services terminated, - - -

Reason, - - -

Members of family in Government Service, - - -

Remarks: Please refer letter transmittal of December 27, 1923, herewith. Reduction in salary recommended on account certain lights heretofore in charge of above keeper being made non-attended. Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I,, relative to political or religious opinion or affiliations, will not be violated by the action recommended.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED JAN 14 1924 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

R. R. Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1924.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. It is recommended that the basepay of the position of keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station be changed from $960 to $780 per annum, for the reasons stated by the Superintendent in his attached letter of December 27, 1923.

1/14/24.

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
HONOLULU, HAWAII

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1924 JAN 8 AM 8 36

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

December 27, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Subject: Reduction in pay, Keeper Honolulu Harbor Light Station.

Reference (a) Form 73, this date, enclosed.
(b) 19th District letter, September 21, 1923, substitution of automatic for attended apparatus.
(c) Bureau endorsement, November 3, 1923, on 19th form 80, October 19, 1923.
(d) Bureau endorsement, November 27, 1923,on 19th form 80, November 5, 1923.

1. It will be noted from form 74 of this date that it is desired to effect the change of Honolulu Channel Light No. 3 on February 15, 1924, which will make it unattended. Channel Light No. 4, will not be reconstructed by that date but the gas buoy now replacing the same requires no attention from the keeper.

2. As stated in reference (b), it is believed entirely proper to reduce the pay of the keeper as soon as he is relieved of the attendance of Honolulu Channel Lights, which constitute a considerable share of his work, and a reduction of $120 per annum makes up part of the reduction recommended in reference (a).

3. Steps have been taken to replace the equipment of the Honolulu Channel Range Lights in accordance with reference (d), but it is probable that, due to delays in shipment of equipment, this will not be effected by February 16th.

4. As it was intended to recommend an additional reduction of $60. per annum, when this range became automatic, it is thought best to include that in the present recommendation rather than make two transactions. If the change in the range lights is not effective by February 16, necessary attendance will be provided from the tender and depot force.

R. R. Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Mr. Edward E. Robins, January 14, 1924.

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 $840 per annum, effective February 16, 1924, 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,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 16 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WM. M. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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CROSS REFERENCE.

LIGHT-HOUSE

Edwards E. Robins Keeper 7/14/23 ncr. Eff. date 2/16/24

See file Könnl Kinolau.

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Robins Edward E. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $ 1080, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 30 1924 File No. 1095/21.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Edward E. Robins,
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:
$1260

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

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Form 93

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 APR 20 AM 8 55

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 APR 20 AM 8 55

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NATURE OF ACTION TAKEN
APR 27 1925.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 22 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 19th DISTRICT.

April 6 , 1925

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

CHIEF CLERK
1925 APR 21 PM 2 57

Name, Edward E. Robins — Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Hawaii — Station, Honolulu Harbor

Salary, $1260. per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of April 30, 1925

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks: See 19th District letter this date same subject.

4/22/25.

[redacted] Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1925.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention is invited to attached letter of April 6, 1925 from the Superintendent in the matter.

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 APR 20 AM 8 55

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR - 3 1925
HONOLULU

NINETEENTH DISTRICT

Honolulu Harbor.
(Station, Depot or Vessel)

April 3, 1925.

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 APR 20 AM 8 55

"Superintendent of Lighthouses
Honolulu, Hawaii.

1. On the 13 day of March 1925 with your permission as Superintendent, my quarters was raided by the Narcotic Squad with the intention of obtaining opium.
2. Taking advantage of my absence from the light station at that time they searched the inside of my quarters thoroughly, under the house and everywhere.
3. After a fruitless search of about two hours they left the station without any opium or drugs of any kind as evidence to substantiate that smuggling had been carried on at the station by myself or my wife.
4. We have never done any smuggling of drugs at anytime during my term of eight years service in Honolulu Harbor.
5 It was through this action you offered me several stations for a transfer; as my station had been raided under suspicion it does not clear me of my character if I was to transfer to any other light

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR - 3 1925
HONOLULU

1925 APR 20 AM 8 55

NINETEENTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

1925 APR 20 AM 8

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station and which I declined to accept station but requested You to give me a clean recommendation as to my character in this case and in all the seven years of service I have put in the Lighthouse department and I will step out of the service with a good clean record. You stated that you would give me one.

6. Accordingly, my resignation as Keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light is respectively tendered to You to become effective at any time during your pleasure or rather when my successor is here to relief me and all public property in my charge be turned over to him receipts signed and as prescribed in the regulation.

7. "In conclusion I may say that the splendid qualities of leadership which you have shown so far in the service must necessarily result in a successful administration which I most heartily hope may attend you."

Very truly Yours.
E. E. Robins.
Retiring Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES
1925 APR 20 AM 8 54

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII
April 6, 1925

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 6 A. 1925
APPOINTMENT

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Subject: Changes in Keepers

Reference: (a) Form 93 this date
(b) Form 73 (3) and Form 73-a, this date.

1. In forwarding the resignation of E. E. Robins, keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station, it is desired to furnish the Bureau with the following information.

2. The records of this Office indicate that this keeper has been under suspicion and has been disciplined on several occasions during the last few years for having been involved in enterprises outside his duties as a keeper, some of which have interfered with his regular work and others reported to have been illegal.

3. Upon the arrival of the present Superintendent of this District in May 1922, this keeper was undergoing investigation by Prohibition and legal authorities of the Government for the alleged sale of liquor on the Lighthouse premises. In view of the fact that authorities were unable to locate liquor on the premises at the time of the investigation, and that sources of the information were in some cases questionable characters, the former Superintendent took no further action than to deny the keeper visitors at the Station for a period of six months.

4. Subsequent to taking charge of the District, the present Superintendent was called into conference on June 30, 1922 by the U. S. District Attorney regarding further charges of a similar nature. The District Attorney had two affidavits charging sale of liquor to individuals on two separate occasions. The District Attorney had ascertained that the alleged transactions had been conducted by Mrs. Robins and that the affidavits had been submitted by inmates of questionable resorts in Honolulu, owned by Mrs. Robins and that he, the District Attorney, was of the opinion that these affidavits were the result of quarrels between Mrs. Robins and her tenants. After consideration of the action already taken by the previous Superintendent and the oral warnings already given this keeper by the present Superintendent, the District Attorney decided to take no further action in the matter. A new District Attorney took office shortly afterwards and again called up the matter of these affidavits, but concurred with the views of the preceeding District Attorney and dropped the matter.

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5. At that time it was learned from the former Superintendent that on two previous occasions, this keeper had been in trouble involving interference with his duties by first, operating a fishing boat outside the harbor and later operating trucks for hire in Honolulu.

6. On March 13, 1925 two agents of the local office of the Federal Narcotics Division called on the Superintendent shortly after noon seeking permission to visit Honolulu Harbor Light Station for the purpose of searching for opium. They assured the Superintendent that they had reliable information from one of the regular Chinese informers, that Mrs. Robins was offering opium for sale in Honolulu at $35. per tin. These agents felt satisfied that they would find opium on the station provided they were permitted to follow up this information immediately. Under the circumstances an investigation seemed proper and desirable and the Superintendent issued instructions to the District Foreman to visit Honolulu Harbor Light Station to supervise an inspection of the station premises with the Narcotic and Customs officials. Neither the keeper nor his wife was found on the station, but a thorough search made by the Narcotic and Customs officials in the presence of the District Foreman and daughter of the keeper failed to disclose any drugs. Immediately following this search the Narcotic agent informed the Superintendent that their failure to find drugs on the station did not satisfy them and that they intended to follow up the investigation further. Without conclusive evidence against the keeper however, they could not file charges nor secure his indictment.

7. In view of the attitude of the Narcotic Office and having consideration for the previous occasions on which this keeper had been similarly involved, the Superintendent determined upon transfer for this keeper from Honolulu Harbor Light Station without appreciable delay, pending further report from the Narcotic Office. Robins was offered a choice of three other positions in the District, but rather than leave Honolulu he has chosen to tender his resignation. Irrespective of the fact that as a keeper Robins has always kept a good station, and in view of the circumstances outlined in preceeding paragraphs, as well as of a tendency of this keeper to overstep his privileges by reason of his residence in Honolulu, it is believed to be for the best interests of the Service that his resignation be accepted.

8. As a direct result of the vacancy at Honolulu Harbor Light Station, the recommendations of reference (b) are made both for the good of the Service and to benefit the older keepers of this District. All these transfers are agreeable to the individuals involvedand it is believed will result in improved administration.

R. R. Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Enclosures: 5

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1925.

Mr. Edward E. Robins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the bureau, to take effect at the close of business on April 30, 1925.

Bureau..... Lighthouses.

Station..... Honolulu Harbor.

Position..... Keeper.

Salary..... $1260 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APR 2 6 1925

(SIGNED) GEO. R. HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED

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CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D/1

NAME Robbins, Edward E. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU LIGHTHOUSES STATION 19th Dist.

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

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Subtracted
1020	240	1260	ICR	404.25	1644.25	LHS	5	1440	No		

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23 Approved $1440

GRADE RECOMMENDED 5

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1260 TO $1620

...IFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
...t in accordance with detailed
...tion sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 4

2—12758

Robins (Surname) Edward (Given name) E. (Initial)

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
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2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station Office Supt. Lighthouses, 19th Dist.
   (b) Subdivision Honolulu Harbor Light Station
   (c) City or town Honolulu State T. H.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day One-man station on duty; per ~~week~~ practically 24 hours
   (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 ____ 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 ____
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $1020.00 per annum; bonus, $240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $1020.00 per " ; bonus, $240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ____
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: ☒ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☒ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
    Subsistence paid in cash, $164.25 per annum
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 ____; annual cost, $ ____
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
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ____; number of lessons ____; number completed ____

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. Is directly rresponsible for the proper operation and maintenance of one 4th order and two lens-lantern (oil wick) lights, and three electric lights operated by automatic time switches, tower, dwelling and row boats, and forthe cleanliness and good order of the station; must keep accurate accounts of Government property and supplies, and submit reports and returns. Is not required to stand night watches.	100%

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his responsibility? (Describe fully.)

Upon his own responsibility, subject to rigid semi-annual inspection by the District Superintendent.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? No
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

Since February 26, 1917.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? ~~Since changed to a one-man station.~~

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

JUN 11 1923, 1923. (Date) — (Signature of Preparing Officer) R. R. Tinkham — Supt. Lighthouses (Title)

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

Impracticable to secure signature of employee by reason of inaccessibility.

(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 Minimum, 3 years in Lighthouse Service in lesser position.

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 $ 1080.00 to $ 1260.00

JUN 11 1923, 1923. (Date) — (Signature of head of field office or station) R. R. Tinkham — Supt. Lighthouses (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

95

LIGHT
MAR 30 1914
HOUSES

per

H-3-14 Cablegram 19

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 19th DISTRICT,

Honolulu, T. H., March 19th, 1914
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary Appointment.

Name, Edward K. Robins — Legal residence, Hawaii.

Position, 2nd Assistant Keeper — Salary, $756.00 A.

Location, For assignment to Molokai Light Station. — Appropriation,

Effective April 3, 1914. — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, None — Former salary, None

Location, None.

Rank on eligible list, 1st Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.5, Other eligibles considered:

None. Keepers already in service, and considered competent, decline the position.

Previous incumbent, John Kahahi — Services terminated, April 2, 1914.

Reason, Promoted.

Relatives in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Quarters furnished by the government.
Authority by cable is requested.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Mch-19, 1914

Jno. W. Short
Secretary, Hawaii Civil Service District.

A. E. Theeda
Inspector, 19th Lighthouse Dist. EKW

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 31 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

April 3, 1914.

Mr. Edward E. Robins,

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 Seven Hundred and Fifty-six 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 April 5, 1914.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: John Makahi.
Legal Residence: Hawaii.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

9-15-15 Tel to 19th
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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

August 19, 1915.

Changes in Keepers.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to my letters of August 10, 1915, submitting charges preferred against John H. Kanekoa, First Assistant Keeper, and John N. Ano, Second Assistant Keeper, of Kilauea Point Light Station, T.H., in which the dismissal of the former and the demotion and transfer of the latter were recommended; also to my letter of this date recommending the transfer of William F. Williams.

Following is a schedule of proposed changes in keepers and assistant keepers to fill vacancies created, and for other reasons as stated:

John H. Kanekoa, First Assistant Keeper, Kilauea Point, $816 per annum, dismissal recommended (see letter August 10, 1915).

Edward E. Robins, Second Assistant Keeper, Molokai, $756 per annum, transfer and promotion to First Assistant Keeper, Kilauea Point recommended. Mr. Robins desires this transfer and is deserving of promotion.

(1) ✓

William F. Williams, Keeper, Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Fort Street light, and Channel Lights,3,4,5,6,and 7, $720 per annum, transfer to Second Assistant Keeper, Molokai, recommended (see letter this date).

(2) ✓

Withdrawn See Inspector's letter of Aug 31-15 Mec

James M. Keanu, Keeper, Molokai, $900 per annum, transfer to Keeper, Honolulu Harbor Light Station, Fort Street light, and Channel Lights 3,4,5,6 and 7 recommended. Mr. Keanu desires this transfer as he has been at Molokai, which is at the Leper Settlement, for six years. It is the policy of this office to transfer keepers from this station when they so desire after a reasonably long satisfactory service there.

John M. Sweeney, First Assistant Keeper, Makapuu, $816 per annum, transfer and promotion to keeper, Molokai, recommended. Mr. Sweeney is deserving of promotion and desires this transfer.

Frank A. Peterson, Keeper, Kauhola Point, $480 per annum, transfer and promotion to First Assistant Keeper, Makapuu Point, recommended. Mr. Peterson desires this transfer.

John N. Ano, Second Assistant Keeper, Kilauea Point, $756 per annum, transfer and demotion to Keeper, Kauhola Point, recommended (See letter August 10, 1915).

Charles K. Akana, Keeper, Kanahena Point, $480 per annum, transfer and promotion to Second Assistant Keeper, Kilauea Point, recommended. Mr. Akana desires this transfer. Department letter of February 19, 1915, addressed to Charles K. Akana, discontinued his services effective at a date to be fixed. As this letter will not become effective prior to the proposed transfer, it is inclosed herewith for cancellation.

It is recommended that actual and necessary traveling expenses be authorized in each appointment. It is proposed,

however, to transfer the keepers by tender wherever practicable.

The nomination of a suitable person for the position of keeper, Kanahena Point, will be forwarded at an early date.

In making the recommendations herein all available employees were considered and selections made on a merit basis, with due regard to school facilities for children, transferring keepers from isolated stations, etc. Approval of the action recommended will not in any case be in violation of section 2 of Rule I of the Civil Service Rules.

Cable advice is requested of any action taken by the Bureau which is not in accordance with recommendations herewith, in order that revised recommendations may be submitted.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

9-15-15 Tel to 19th

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 19th DISTRICT,

Honolulu, T.H., (City.) August 19 (Date.), 1915.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, Edward E. Robins — Legal residence, Hawaii.

Position, 1st Assistant Keeper — Salary, $816 per annum

Location, Kilauea Point Light Station — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses,

Effective October 1, 1915, {~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 2d Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $756 per annum

Location, Molokai Light Station

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

Previous incumbent, John H. Kanekoa — Services to be terminated, on or about Sept. 30, 1915.

Reason, Dismissal recommended.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: As this transfer is in the interests of the Service it is recommended that payment of actual and necessary traveling expenses from Kalaupapa to Kilauea Point Light Station be authorized.

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

A E Theodore
Inspector, 19th Lighthouse Dist.

Secretary, Civil Service District

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 13, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

The Nineteenth Inspector's letter of August 19, 1915, transmitting nominations for appointment of keepers to fill vacancies resulting from the dismissal of Kanekoa is attached to this nomination, and recommendation that actual and necessary traveling expenses be authorized in each appointment is concurred in by the Bureau.

Acting Commissioner.

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
SEP 16 1915
HOUSES

September 15, 1915.

Mr. Edward E. Robins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Eight Hundred and Sixteen 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 $756 per annum.)

Your actual and necessary traveling expenses from Kalaupapa to Kilauea Point Light Station, T. H., have been authorized.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

EOD Oct 1, 1915. 4

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John H. Kanekoa.

Legal Residence: Hawaii.

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SEP 16 1915

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Washington D C September 15 1915

USLHE Honolulu (Hawaii)

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571 - Perarderet: August 19th
179 - Dimication: with the exception of
29 - Bizqueo: has been appointed
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Commissioner

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WESTERN UNION
TELEGRAM

Honolulu February 21 1917

USLHE Washington

Authorize transfer ~~xxxxxxx~~ Robins to keeper Honolulu Harbor Restore Au to assistant effective Pelvico Irrident Nomination Kauffahrer Kilauea by mail

(Signed) Arledge

TRANSLATION

Authorize transfer Robins to keeper Honolulu Harbor Restore Au to assistant effective February twenty sixth Advise by telegraph Nomination to fill the vacancy Kilauea by mail

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
February 21, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that Edward E. Robins be transferred from the position of first assistant keeper, Kilauea Point Light Station, at $816 per annum, to the position of keeper, Honolulu Harbor Light Station, etc., Hawaii, at $720 per annum, vice Henry K. Au, who, it is recommended be appointed assistant keeper of the same station, at $540 per annum.

These changes are recommended in the interests of the Service, and will not be in violation of section 2 of civil service rule I.

NTBRS

Acting Commissioner

Form 2606

WESTERN UNION CABLEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

2-21-17 Wrote Dept

CHIEF CLERK FEB 21 1917

LIGHT 9:20 FEB 21 1917 HOUSES

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WASHINGTON Edward E

(1) AUTHORIZE TRANSFER ROBINS TO KEEPER HONOLULU HARBOR (2) RESTORE AU TO ASSISTANT EFFECTIVE Feb. 26 PELVICO Advise by teleg IRRIDENT NOMINATION to fill the vacancy KAUFFAHRER KILAUEA BY MAIL

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Washington D C February 23 1917

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Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII
February 21, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the inclosed form 73 nominating and recommending Edward E. Robins for transfer from 1st Assistant Keeper Kilauea Point Light Station to Keeper Honolulu Harbor Light Station, etc.

Prior to making this nomination due consideration was given all keepers and assistant keepers in this district qualified to fill this position and who had previously expressed a willingness or desire to be transferred to this station. Mr. Robins is considered the best qualified employee available.

A letter was addressed to the nominee asking him if he would accept this transfer if offered him, in which he was advised of the difference in pay, to which he replied in the affirmative.

In view of the facts that the responsibility and experience as keeper at Honolulu Harbor better qualifies an employee for promotion to keeper of a larger station than that as 1st assistant at Kilauea Point, the more desirable location of this station and the better market and school facilities, the difference of eight dollars a month is more than compensated for.

Considering the advantages mentioned this transfer is considered

Inclosed promotion and oath with this view that the nomination is made.
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HOUSES

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1917.

Mr. Edward E. Robins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

~~Keeper~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

at a salary of ~~Seven Hundred and Twenty~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

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

(By transfer from first assistant keeper at $816 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Henry K. Au.

Legal Residence: Hawaii.

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Inclosures.

December 4, 1920.

Subject: 19th Supt's letter, Nov. 19, 1920, Edward E. Robins, Kpr., Honolulu Harbor L. S., and Thomas Kalawaia, depot keeper, assistance rendered.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Honolulu, Hawaii, for recommendation as to commendation of the employees concerned, in accordance with Regs. 1918, Art. 496, 1st par. Be guided accordingly in future similar cases. Return the inclosed papers to the Bureau with your reply.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

In replying address Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter and file No.

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Inclosures.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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Tech. Div.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

(Signed) H. B. Bowerman.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 19th District, Honolulu, T. H., December 28, 1920.

1. Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses. No commendation is recommended.

2. While it is undoubtedly true that the life of the man in question was saved by the prompt action of Keeper Robins and Depot Keeper Kalawaia, no especial hazard or great expenditure of energy was involved in the rescue in the quiet waters of the harbor. The report was not made with the purpose of recommending commendation of the keepers, but merely to make the incident a matter of record, to be reported in the Annual Report under the heading, Saving of Life and Property.

Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JAN 10 1921
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Saving of Life and Property.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

12/4/20-Ind. to 19th Dept

November 19, 1920.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. On November 10,1920, Edward E. Robins, Keeper of Honolulu Harbor Lightstation, and Thomas Kalawaia, Honolulu Depot Keeper rescued a man from drowning, who had jumped into the Honolulu Harbor Channel from the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company Steamer "Mikahala".

2. Copy of Keeper's report of incident is enclosed.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

J. A. Edgecomb

1st Assistant Superintendent.

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

LIGHT
DEC 1 1920
HOUSES

Nineteenth District

LIGHT
JAN 10 1921
HOUSES

Honolulu Harbor
Lightstation

November 19,1920

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Honolulu, T.H.

Sir:

A man from the steamer " Mikahala" jumped overboard yesterday about 5:10 P.M. on its outward trip, opposite the Lighthouse.

I immediately took the service boat, with the assistance of Thomas Kalawaia rescued the man just in time as he was just ready to go down.

The man was pretty well intoxicated but was desperate enough to do anything; our quick action was the only thing that saved the man from drowning.

In the meantime the "Mikahala" had come to a stop opposite Fort Armstrong and a boat lowered, we already had our man in the boat, as their boat came along side the man again jumped into the water, but we got him soon after and had him put aboard in their boat and tied down.

The "Mikahala" turned back, had the man put ashore, continuing on her voyage again after 6 P.M.

(Signed) Edward E. Robins

Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Saving of life
and Property.

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Dep. Chf. Clk.
Cashier.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

November 23, 1921.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. On November 8, 1921, Edward E. Robins, Keeper, Honolulu Harbor Light-station rescued 2 men and 2 boys who had been adrift two hours on an overturned skiff, and towed the skiff to shore with the station boat (equipped with out-board motor).

2. This will be reported in the annual report under the heading "Saving of Life and Property". No commendation is recommended.

Superintendent.

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LIGHTHOUSES
1923 APR 19 AM 11 48

April 4, 1923.

Mr. Edward E. Robins
Keeper Honolulu Harbor Light Station
Honolulu, T. H.

1. The Superintendent notes with considerable surprise, under reported absences in your monthly report for March that you were absent from your station after sunset on two occasions, namely March 1st and 10th, from 8 P. M. to midnight.

2. Having been in the lighthouse service as long as you have, it is not understood why you should be ignorant of the necessity for your presence at the station at all times after sunset, unless you are on authorized annual leave with a qualified substitute provided in your place.

3. To correct any misunderstanding which you may have of the situation, you are advised that you must be on watch at your station at all times from sunset to midnight and observe that Honolulu Harbor light, channel lights 3 and 4, the range lights, and Fort Street light are burning and in proper condition during that period. After midnight you must keep to your quarters at Honolulu Harbor Light Station within hearing of the alarm bell and telephone, subject to immediate response to any alarm or call from the harbor pilots that any of the lights under your care need attention.

4. You are cautioned that any further absence from your station between sunset and sunrise, unless on authorized leave, will be cause for disciplinary action.

a letter of caution

OK HHB Apr 19

R. R. Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(Forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses in accordance with Paragraph 525 of Regulations)

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
APR 20 1923

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 APR 11 AM 58

RRT:MHD

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Inclosure Received

March 31, 1925

Mr. E. E. Robins, Keeper
Honolulu Harbor Light Station
P. O. Box 3401
Honolulu, T. H.

1. In acknowledging receipt of your report of March 29, 1925, relative to service rendered persons adrift in a small yacht off the entrance to Honolulu Harbor, the Superintendent desires to commend you for your prompt and meritorious assistance rendered in this case. The Superintendent is further aware of the special merit of prompt action under the circumstances, in view of the heavy off-shore gale which has been blowing during the last several days and in the knowledge that the strong westerly current off the entrance to Honolulu Harbor rapidly carries small craft to sea, out of range of observers, as has happened in the past.

R. R. Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with Article 496, Regulations Lighthouse Service 1918, copy of keeper's report enclosed herewith.

Monthly Report
3137-5/3

R. R. Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Note for my rept
to Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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NINETEENTH DISTRICT

Honolulu Harbor
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 29, 1925, 19

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Honolulu, Hawaii

1. About 4 p.m. today I sighted a small yacht with five men in the vicinity of beacon light No. 3.

2. A very strong trade wind was blowing at the time and they could not manage to tack one way or the other to come in the Harbor, but they managed to get alongside the beacon where they tied up.

3. Seeing the distress signal I immediately went out in the service boat with the Evinrude Motor and towed them safely back to the boat house adjacent to Pier 4.

4. These men are from the Naval Station Yard in Honolulu.

(signed) E. E. Robins
Keeper

Nineteenth District,
Copy for Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
HONOLULU, HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES
1925 APR 20 AM 8 54

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 19TH DISTRICT
HONOLULU, HAWAII

April 6, 1925

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Subject: Changes in Keepers

Reference: (a) Form 93 this date
(b) Form 73 (3) and Form 73-a, this date.

1. In forwarding the resignation of E. E. Robins, keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station, it is desired to furnish the Bureau with the following information.

2. The records of this Office indicate that this keeper has been under suspicion and has been disciplined on several occasions during the last few years for having been involved in enterprises outside his duties as a keeper, some of which have interfered with his regular work and others reported to have been illegal.

3. Upon the arrival of the present Superintendent of this District in May 1922, this keeper was undergoing investigation by Prohibition and legal authorities of the Government for the alleged sale of liquor on the Lighthouse premises. In view of the fact that authorities were unable to locate liquor on the premises at the time of the investigation, and that sources of the information were in some cases questionable characters, the former Superintendent took no further action than to deny the keeper visitors at the Station for a period of six months.

4. Subsequent to taking charge of the District, the present Superintendent was called into conference on June 30, 1922 by the U. S. District Attorney regarding further charges of a similar nature. The District Attorney had two affidavits charging sale of liquor to individuals on two separate occasions. The District Attorney had ascertained that the alleged transactions had been conducted by Mrs. Robins and that the affidavits had been submitted by inmates of questionable resorts in Honolulu, owned by Mrs. Robins and that he, the District Attorney, was of the opinion that these affidavits were the result of quarrels between Mrs. Robins and her tenants. After consideration of the action already taken by the previous Superintendent and the oral warnings already given this keeper by the present Superintendent, the District Attorney decided to take no further action in the matter. A new District Attorney took office shortly afterwards and again called up the matter of these affidavits, but concurred with the views of the preceding District Attorney and dropped the matter.

5. At that time it was learned from the former Superintendent that on two previous occasions, this keeper had been in trouble involving interference with his duties by first, operating a fishing boat outside the harbor and later operating trucks for hire in Honolulu.

6. On March 13, 1925 two agents of the local office of the Federal Narcotics Division called on the Superintendent shortly after noon seeking permission to visit Honolulu Harbor Light Station for the purpose of searching for opium. They assured the Superintendent that they had reliable information from one of the regular Chinese informers, that Mrs. Robins was offering opium for sale in Honolulu at $35. per tin. These agents felt satisfied that they would find opium on the station provided they were permitted to follow up this information immediately. Under the circumstances an investigation seemed proper and desirable and the Superintendent issued instructions to the District Foreman to visit Honolulu Harbor Light Station to supervise an inspection of the station premises with the Narcotic and Customs officials. Neither the keeper nor his wife was found on the station, but a thorough search made by the Narcotic and Customs officials in the presence of the District Foreman and daughter of the keeper failed to disclose any drugs. Immediately following this search the Narcotic agent informed the Superintendent that their failure to find drugs on the station did not satisfy them and that they intended to follow up the investigation further. Without conclusive evidence against the keeper however, they could not file charges nor secure his indictment.

7. In view of the attitude of the Narcotic Office and having consideration for the previous occasions on which this keeper had been similarly involved, the Superintendent determined upon transfer for this keeper from Honolulu Harbor Light Station without appreciable delay, pending further report from the Narcotic Office. Robins was offered a choice of three other positions in the District, but rather than leave Honolulu he has chosen to tender his resignation. Irrespective of the fact that as a keeper Robins has always kept a good station, and in view of the circumstances outlined in preceeding paragraphs, as well as of a tendency of this keeper to overstep his privileges by reason of his residence in Honolulu, it is believed to be for the best interests of the Service that his resignation be accepted.

8. As a direct result of the vacancy at Honolulu Harbor Light Station, the recommendations of reference (b) are made both for the good of the Service and to benefit the older keepers of this District. All these transfers are agreeable to the individuals involvedand it is believed will result in improved administration.

R. R. Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Enclosures: 5

RADIOGRAM XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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USLHE Honolulu (Hawaii)

Your nominations sixth transfer keepers approved and resignation Robins accepted

Effective 5/1/25
4/21/25

Putnam

Confirmation to 19th:

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Manuel Ferreira to Honolulu Harbor
Charles K. Akana to Barbers Point
Thos. Tomey to Kilauea Point Died 6/9/25
A. Arnaldo to Makapuu Point

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Resignation Robins

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SPECIAL DELIVERY April 25, 1925.

Out Radiogram No.

~~Letter~~ ~~Package~~

From Bureau of Lighthouses

To Director Naval Communications

Navy Dept.

By Messenger

Received by

Time

Edward E. Robins' Funeral Today

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Funeral services for Edward Ernest Robins, 57, who died at 6:15 a.m. yesterday at Waialee, will be held today at 3:30 p.m. at the Nuuanu Funeral parlors. The remains will be on view after 7 a.m., burial to take place in Kaahumanu cemetery.

Robins, who was born October 24, 1879, at Kau, Hawaii, was employed as a guard at the Waialee Boys' Training school. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Mary K. Robins; two daughters, Thelma, who is living in Montana, and Harriet, of Honolulu; five sons, Fred, Edward, Harry, Eugene and Antone, and several grandchildren.

TTG:MHD

May 2, 1925

Mr. E. E. Robins
Box 3401
Honolulu, T. H.

1. Referring to your Form 76 dated May 1, 1925, making application for leave of absence from May 1 to May 19, 1925, you are advised that inasmuch as leave granted you during January exhausted all leave earned during the calendar year, it will not be possible to allow further leave with pay.

R. R. Tinkham,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

RRT:MHD

May 5, 1925

Mr. E. E. Robins
P. O. Box 3401
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Sir:

Agreeable to your request, this will certify that you first entered the Lighthouse Service on April 8, 1914 and were continuously employed until April 30, 1925 on which date your resignation from the Lighthouse Service was accepted.

The records indicate that your services during that period were generally satisfactory, and that as keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light Station since February 1917, you have maintained your station in excellent condition.

Yours very truly,

R. R. Tinkham,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 APR 28 AM 9 32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1925.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 8 - 1925
HONOLULU

Mr Edward E. Robins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the bureau, to take effect at the close of business on April 30, 1925.

Bureau..... Lighthouses.

Station..... Honolulu Harbor.

Position..... Keeper.

Salary..... $1260 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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April 29, 1925

E. E. Robins, Keeper
Honolulu Harbor Light Station
P. O. Box 3401,
Honolulu, T. H.

1. You are advised that your resignation from the position of keeper, Honolulu Harbor Light Station has been accepted by the Bureau of Lighthouses, effective at the close of April 30, 1925. It is understood that you will be relieved on the evening of April 30.

R. R. Tinkham,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

RHT:MHD

April 7, 1925

Mr. E. E. Robins
P. O. Box 3401
Honolulu, T. H.

1. In acknowledging receipt of your letter of resignation dated April 3, 1925, the Superintendent is glad to make the following statement as you request regarding your work in this Service.

2. The records show that you first entered on duty in this Service as second assistant keeper at Molokai Light Station on April 8, 1914. On September 15, 1915 you were promoted to first assistant keeper at Kilauea Point Light Station and on February 23, 1917 you were promoted to keeper, Honolulu Harbor Light Station, which position you have since held.

3. The records further show that your station was awarded the efficiency pennant, which is the highest award for efficiency in the District, for the years 1917, 1918 and 1919, and that although the pennant went to other stations, you were awarded the Commissioner's efficiency star in 1920 and 1921 and the Superintendent's efficiency star in 1923 and 1924. These awards alone would indicate that you have maintained your station in excellent condition and the Superintendent is pleased to corroborate that evidence by stating that since his arrival in the District, you have shown particular pride in the appearance of your station and the condition of its equipment. You have shown aptitude for work of this Service and the Superintendent regrets that you find it necessary to leave the Service rather than to continue your work at another station.

4. It is to be regretted, in view of your excellent record as a keeper, that there should appear anything in the records to cloud that service. It is fair to state however, that such incidents as appear in the records reflect on the individual members of your family rather than yourself. Records indicate that you were cautioned in 1922 and deprived of the privilege of receiving visitors for a period of six months, as the result of charges through the Prohibition and U. S. Attorney's offices relative to the alleged sale of liquor at the Light Station. According to the records, these charges were not susceptible of sufficient proof to warrant further action by the authorities and the case was dropped. An incident of similar character which led the Superintendent to offer you a transfer from your present station originated in charges made by the Narcotic Office which have not been substantiated.

5. If there has been no real cause in fact for these reflections on the conduct of yourself and members of your family, the Superintendent sincerely regrets the injustice implied in the records. Incidents of this character only emphasize the necessity for exemplary conduct, not only in the performance of our duties but in our pastimes and day to day living.

R. R. Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

TTG:MHD

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 19th DISTRICT,

April 6, 1925

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Edward E. Robins Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Hawaii Station, Honolulu Harbor

Salary, $1260. per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of April 30, 1925

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks: See 19th District letter this date same subject.

Resgn accepted by Bureau wire.

R. R. Tinkham

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Nineteenth District
Honolulu Harbor
April 3, 1925

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Honolulu Hawáii

1. On the 13 day of March 1925 with your permission as Superintendent, my quarters was raided by the Narcotic Squad with the intention of obtaining opium.

2. Taking advantage of my absence from the Light Station at that time they searched the inside of my quarter thoroughly, under the house and everywhere.

3. After a fruitless search of about two hours they left the station without any opium or drugs of any kind as evidence to substantiate that smuggling had been carried on at the station by myself or my wife.

4. We have never done any smuggling of drugs at any time during my term of eight years service in Honolulu Harbor.

5. It was through this action you offered me several stations for a transfer; as my station had been raided under suspicion it does not clear me of my character if I was to transfer to any other light station and which I declined to accept any station but requested you to give me a clean recommendation as to my character in this case and in all the eleven years of service I have put in the Lighthouse department and I will step out of the service with a good clean record you stated that you would give me one.

6. Accordingly, my resignation as Keeper of Honolulu Harbor Light is respectively tendered to you to become effective at any time during your pleasure or rather when my successor is here to relief me and all public property in my charge be turned over to him. receipts signed and as prescribed in the regulation.

7. In conclusion I may say that the splendid qualities of leadership which you have shown so far inthe Service must necessarily result in a successful administration which I most heartily hope may attend you.

Very truly yours

(sgd) E. E. Robins
Retiring Keeper

RGT:MHD

April 6, 1925

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Subject: Changes in Keepers

Reference: (a) Form 93 this date
(b) Form 73 (3) and Form 73-a, this date.

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8. As a direct result of the vacancy at Honolulu Harbor Light Station, the recommendations of reference (b) are made both for the good of the Service and to benefit the older keepers of this District. All these transfers are agreeable to the individuals involvedand it is believed will result in improved administration.

R. R. Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Enclosures: 5

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 FEB 11 AM 11 29

January 31, 1925.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 27 1925
HONOLULU

M
r. Edward B. Robins,
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.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position:
Keeper
Salary:
$1260
Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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Form A-21

Personal

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 JAN 16 PM 2 59

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

NINETEENTH
JAN 29 1924
HONOLULU

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Mr. Edward E. Robins, January 14, 1924.

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 $840 per annum, effective February 16, 1924, 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,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Mr. K.
Please return,
Signed
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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 19th DISTRICT,

Honolulu, T. H., (City.) December 27th (Date.), 19 23

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Reduction in salary

Name, Edward E. Robins

Legal residence, Hawaii

Position, Keeper

Salary, $840, including $60 longevity pay.

Location, Honolulu Harbor Light Station

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective February 16, 1924 {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $1020, inclusive of $60 longevity pay

Location, Honolulu Harbor Light Station

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

Previous incumbent, - - -

Services terminated, - - -

Reason, - - -

Members of family in Government Service, - - -

Remarks: Please refer letter transmittal of December 27, 1923, herewith. Reduction in salary recommended on account certain lights heretofore in charge of above keeper being made non-attended. Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I,, relative to political or religious opinion or affiliations, will not be violated by the action recommended.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

R. R. Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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~~Lot~~ Personnel

December 6, 1923

Edward E. Robins
Keeper Honolulu Harbor Light
Box 3401
Honolulu, T. H.

1. ~~Enclosed is~~ this office is forwarding a letter received in this Office addressed to Mr. Virgine Caminoes. Kindly ask your son-in-law to have his mail sent to you direct, Box 3401, so that we may not be obliged to handle it in this Office.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

R. A. Edgecomb
Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses

FILE NO. Personal

DATE Nov 24th 1932

REFERENCE NO. 484-a

SUBJECT: Application & Medical Examination