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REQUESTER INFORMATION

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

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Steinhise, Thomas, J		1878 MD

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:

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

Type of Rank:

☐ Enlisted
☐ Officer
☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):

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

Date & Place of Death: 1949 MD

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (MD/VA) 5th dist	From: 1918	To: 1941
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Mrs. Ida M. Steinhise
1306 South Charles Street
Baltimore 30, Maryland

My dear Mrs. Steinhise:

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

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

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

N. W. SPROW
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Military Morale Division

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

Sirs:

Inclosed is the claim of Mrs. Ida M. Steinhise for the final retired pay due the estate of her husband, Thomas Jefferson Steinhise, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, who died 22 July, 1949.

This claim in the amount of $38.40 has been examined and is approved for payment. The appropriation to be charged is 2001241 Retired Pay, Coast Guard, 1950.

Expenses incurred incident to the burial of the deceased have not been paid as per attached signed waiver.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

N. W. SPROW
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Military Morale Division

Incls.
1. Form No. 2661
2. Form No. 1055
3. Waiver

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Honorable Guy Cordon
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Cordon:

Reference is made to your letter of August 3, 1949, in which you requested that the case of Mrs. Thomas J. Steinhise, widow of a retired Keeper who died on July 22, 1949, be examined to ascertain whether she is entitled to a pension or other benefits.

The record shows that Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise served as Keeper at various light stations in the Lighthouse Service and the Coast Guard until his retirement on account of disability under the provisions of the Lighthouse Retirement Act of June 20, 1918, as amended, on April 30, 1941.

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

In view of the foregoing, I regret to advise you that there is no pension or other benefits due Mrs. Steinhise on the basis of her husband's service with the Coast Guard or the former Lighthouse Service.

Very truly yours

JJH

J. F. FARLEY
Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commandant

JJH:dtc
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U. S. COAST GUARD

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48 hours as required by directives

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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August 3, 1949

Admiral Joseph F. Farley
The Commandant
Coast Guard
Old Southern Railway Building
1300 E Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Farley:

I shall be indebted if you will have a thorough investigation made into the case of Mrs. Thomas J. Steinhise, 1306 South Charles Street, Baltimore 30, Maryland, widow of Mr. Steinhise who died on July 22, 1949. Mr. Steinhise was a former Lighthouse Service employee and his widow, now 57 years of age, wishes advice as to her entitlement to pension or other benefits. Any information you can give me on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Guy Gordon

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1 August 1949
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General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Thomas J. Steinhise, Kpr. FLHS, Retired
Deceased

Gentlemen:

The following information relative to the pay account of the retired civilian employee named above is furnished for use in the settlement of claim for final pay held due in his case:

Date of death:	22 July 1949
Gross pay to date of death:	$38.40
Federal tax withheld and disposed of:	None
Other deductions:	None
Net amount due on death:	$38.40

Last paid for the period 1-30 June 1949 on D. D. Vou. No. 436-28328, settled in the June 1949 accounts of Paul D. Banning, CDO, Symbol No. 1372.

Appropriation to which chargeable: 2001241, Retired Pay, Coast Guard, 1950.

Application for payment of amount due the decedent (Standard Form 1055) is being furnished the next of kin.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

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

CCGordon:fwb
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RGS ZEA ltr. WB

26 July, 1949
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Mrs. Thomas J. Steinhise
1306 So. Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Mrs. Steinhise:

Headquarters has been advised of the death of your husband, Thomas Jefferson Steinhise, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now United States Coast Guard, Retired, on 22 July, 1949. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

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

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

In the event you have in your possession any uncashed retired pay checks, these should be returned to Coast Guard Headquarters for settlement with your claim for the retired pay due on date of death.

When the inclosed forms have been completed, please return them to Coast Guard Headquarters in the inclosed pre-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

Incls.
1- Form No. 1055
2- Waiver
3- Envelope

N. W. SPROW
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Military Morale Division

JUL 28 1949

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

POST OFFICE BOX 540
NORFOLK 1, VA.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
COMMANDER,
FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT (pc)
REFER TO FILE: 75

File

26 July, 1949

From: Commander, 5th Coast Guard District
To: Commandant (PC)

Subj: Thomas J. Steinhise, Retired Keeper; death of

This office has been advised that subject man died at 2045 on 22 July, 1949.

Lester F. Braun
LESTER F. BRAUN
By direction

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26 July, 1949

From: Commander, 5th Coast Guard District
To: Commandant (PC)

Subj: Thomas J. Steinhise, Retired Keeper; death of

This office has been advised that subject man died at 2045 on 22 July, 1949.

LESTER F. BRAUN
By direction

HRG/ejl

CG 9519 (REV. 12-47)
TREASURY DEPT.

U. S. COAST GUARD

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INFORM

TEXT

THOMAS JEFFERSON STEINHISE L H S RETIRED DIED 22 JULY AT 8:45 PM

THIS HOSPITAL

CFN 22 8:45 PM

25/1235Z JULY BEPJP

OPERATOR'S RECORD AND DATE

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OFFICIAL INITIALS

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

FORM APPROVED.
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 50-R064.

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

1. NAME (MR.—MISS—MRS.—FIRST—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST)	2. DATE OF BIRTH	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO.	4. DATE
Steinhise, Thomas J. (Mr.)	3-29-1878	11	9-7-48

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

5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY)	6. EFFECTIVE DATE	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY
AMENDMENT Retirement (Disability)	Close 4-30-41	

FROM		TO
Keeper	6. POSITION TITLE	
Range $1560-1920) Plus $1620 per annum) $60 pa Qtrs	9. SERVICE, GRADE, SALARY	
U. S. Coast Guard	10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS	
Norfolk, Va. Seven-Foot Knoll Lt. Sta., Md.	11. HEADQUARTERS	
[X] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL	12. FIELD OR DEPT'L	[ ] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL

13. REMARKS

In accordance with the Comptroller General's Decision B-70029 dated 10-23-47, which reversed Decision A-31684 of 5-28-30, your retirement pay has been recomputed on the basis of the average gross pay (which includes the valuation of quarters for the period occupied) received during the last five years of your active duty. The computation on this basis changes the rate of your retirement pay from $605.89 to $628.48, and this notice is issued in order that you may have accurate information as to the rate of retirement pay which you are authorized to receive.

Total Service: 15 years, 0 months, 22 days.

Computation: ($1662.16 x 15.0611 ÷ 40) = $628.48

H. L. Morgan

H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

14. SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION

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

17. SEX	18. RACE	19. APPROPRIATION	20. SUBJECT TO C.S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES—NO)	21. DATE OF OATH (ACCESSIONS ONLY)	22. LEGAL RESIDENCE
M		FROM: Civilian Employees, CG TO:	Yes Ln 3-4-25		Maryland

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4. PERSONNEL FOLDER COPY

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17 January, 1945

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise
1306 S. Charles Street
Baltimore 30, Maryland

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 15, 1945, in which you requested a duplicate of your notice of retirement.

This office has no extra copies of the retirement notice. However, the record shows that you were retired from the position of Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland, effective at the close of April 30, 1941, on account of physical disability, under the provisions of the Lighthouse Retirement Law of June 20, 1918, as amended by the Act of March 4, 1925, with retired pay at the rate of $605.89, based on 15 years and 22 days service.

By direction of the Commandant:

Very truly yours,

H. L. MORGAN, Assistant Chief
Civilian Personnel Division

U. S. COAST GUARD
MAIL SECTION (1)
MAILED JAN 18 1945

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Jan 16 1945

U.S. Coast Guard Washington DC

JAN 19 '45 PM

Gentlemen In December 1944 Enroute from La Plata Md to Baltimore Md on Greyhound Bus I Lost My Wallet an In It Was My Retired Papers from the Coast Guard & Lighthouse service I advertised It and Reported It at all Stops & terminals. Please send me Duplicate of the same and oblige Me. With grates Respect Ian

Respectfully

Thomas. J. Steinbice Retired Kps

306. S. Charles St Baltimore 30

Maryland

folder please

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HEADQUARTERS

ADDRESS THE COMMANDANT, U. S. COAST GUARD
AND REFER TO No. CP-[illegible]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON 24 June, 1941.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, Norfolk District

Subject: Retirement of Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper, close 4-30-41.

Inclosure: 1. Form 2249, Department Notice of Retirement.

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

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

By direction,

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

May 7, 1941
Seven-Foot Knoll Lt. Sta. Md

Thomas J. Steinhise
General Delivery, South Station
Baltimore, Md.

Paid on Sept Roll for May & June
4-5-41

FORM 9619-A

TREASURY DEPT. U. S. COAST GUARD

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FROM: COM NORDIST

ACTION: COMDT

INFORM:

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YOUR 051558 STEINHISE WAS PTIENT IN MARINE HOSPITAL INCAPACITATED ENTIRE MONTH OF MAY X UP TO CLOSE OF APRIL HE HAD USED ALL ACCRUED ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE AND THIRTY DAYS ADVANCE SICK LEAVE

REF:-WAS THOS J STEINHISES ABSENCE DURING MONTH MAY LAST DUE TO PHYS INCAPACITY TO PERFORM DUTY AND WAS HE PATIENT IN MARINE HOSP AT TIME OF EXAM 20 MAY

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CG Reserve	Maritime Service
Civil Engineer	Medical
Civilian Personnel	Office Manager
Commandant	Operations
Communications	Ordnance
Const. & Repair	Permanent Board
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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2349
REV. 1-41

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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TO:

Date Prepared: June 4, 1941.

Name: Steinhice, Thomas J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No.: 1241

Retirement, disability

	FROM	TO
Position Grade Salary	Keeper Field (Range $1560-1920) $1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Cure.	
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	
Headquarters Post of Duty Appropriation Allotment	Norfolk, Virginia Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta., Md. Civilian Employees, C. G.	
	FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☒	FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☐

EFFECTIVE: close April 30, 1941.

Remarks: The annual rate of retired pay is $605.89.

Justification:

Total service: 15 years and 27 days.

Computation: ($1609.16 x 15.0611 ÷ 40) $605.89.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1875

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Maryland

SEX: M RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

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

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act

DATE OF OATH

N. R. STILES,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY: JUN 10

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
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UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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EFFECTIVE *Remarks:* close April 30, 1941.

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DATE OF OATH

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY: 6-10-41

BUREAU OR DIVISION PERSONNEL FILES

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 1-41

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 4, 1941.

TO: Date Prepared

Name: Steinhise, Thomas J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard Bureau No.: 921

Cancellation of change in status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper	Keeper
Grade	Field (Range $1560-1920)	Field (Range $1380-1740)
Salary	$1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a.Ctrs.	$1440 p.a. plus $60 p.a.Ctrs.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters	Norfolk, Virginia	Norfolk, Virginia
Post of Duty	Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta.,Md.	Ragged Pt.Lt.Sta.,Md.
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C.G.	Civilian Employees, C.G.
Allotment		

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Remarks: Travel from Baltimore, Maryland to Valley Lee, Maryland, necessary in interest of Government, not for convenience of employee is authorized, with per diem of $3.50 in lieu of subsistence, chargeable to symbol No. 29. Travel by privately owned automobile at the rate of 4¢ a mile, if more economical and advantageous to the United States than travel by commercial carrier, authorized. If travel is by privately owned automobile, a statement certifying that such travel is more economical and advantageous than travel by commercial carrier must be attached to the voucher.

Justification: The transfer of Mr. Steinhise is for disciplinary purposes as a result of neglect of duty in connection with the general upkeep of the station. In the new assignment he will be subordinate to another keeper who will have responsibility for the accomplishment of the maintenance and other work required at the station.

The recommendation for transfer of this employee was submitted to the Department on October 11, 1940, but was not received back in this office with the Department's approval until December 28, 1940. In the meantime Mr. Steinhise became ill and the Marine Hospital at Baltimore advised that his health was very poor and his chances to return to normal occupation were slight. Therefore, in view of his age and physical condition, it was not practicable to effect his transfer, and although it was proposed for disciplinary purposes, it is recommended that it be cancelled for the reasons stated.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Md.

SEX: M RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE: W

*H.S.Atherton

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

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

DATE OF OATH

Approved: June 4, 1941.
/s/ Herbert E. Gaston,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY: JUN 23 1941

BUREAU OR DIVISION PERSONNEL FILES

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 1-41

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 4, 1941.

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Headquarters Post of Duty	Norfolk, Virginia Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta., Md.	Norfolk, Virginia Ragged Pt. Lt. Sta., Md.
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C.G.	Civilian Employees, C.G.
Allotment		

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L. R. STILES,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Md.

SEX: M RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION: NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE: Mr. S. Atherton

HAS C. S. COMM. ALLOWED VETERAN'S PREFERENCE? No

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Yes 6-20-18

DATE OF OATH

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

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JUN 10 1941

Form 9626
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
Sept. 1930

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

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DATE 4 JUNE 1941

FROM
COMMANDANT
COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

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COMMANDER NORFOLK DISTRICT

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TEXT

WAS THOMAS J. STEINHISE'S ABSENCE DURING MONTH MAY LAST DUE TO PHYSICAL INCAPACITY TO PERFORM DUTY WAS HE CONFINED TO HOSPITAL AND WAS HE PATIENT IN MARINE HOSPITAL AT TIME OF EXAMINATION 20 MAY

PERSONNEL
N.R.S.

OPERATOR'S RECORD. OFFICIAL BUSINESS. INITIALS OF "RELEASING" OFFICER.

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Form 9626
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD
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DATE 4 JUNE 1941

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WAS THOMAS J. STEINHISE'S ABSENCE DURING MONTH MAY LAST DUE TO PHYSICAL INCAPACITY TO PERFORM DUTY AND WAS HE PATIENT IN MARINE HOSPITAL AT TIME OF EXAMINATION 20 MAY

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CP-75

18 June, 1941

Mrs. Thomas J. Steinhise,
1306 S. Charles Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 12, 1941, requesting information relative to your husband, Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise.

Headquarters received an application from your husband for retirement because of physical disability, which was approved after carefully considering the findings of his medical examination. His retired pay will amount to $605.89 per year, and will be effective as of 1 May, 1941.

As soon as approval is obtained from the Treasury Department, which is expected daily, the Commander of the Norfolk District will be notified, your husband placed in a retired status and he will receive his retired pay monthly.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

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

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Commandant
U.S. Coast Guard
Washington D.C.

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D JUN 14 1941

Close 4-30-41
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Sir:

As one in distress I appeal to you for information in regards to my husband Mr. Thomas J. Stenhise he was sent to the Marine Hospital for examination for a Pension by a letter from head officials now it is 2 months since he was sent there last month he received his check but so far this month he has not recieved a penny we are poor people the Rent & Insurance must be paid and we must eat or we cant live. He worked from the 6th of January until the 14th of April with one day leave of absence 1 day sick leave I know of men who are in the Hospital since January they are light Keepers also they receive their checks then why doesnt my husband receive his I am sure the Law & Regulations are the same with all light keepers when Justice is survived without Malice. I beg You to look into this matter as soon as possible either sent him back to work or pension him my husband doesnt know I am writing you this letter

but something must be done so the whole burden is on my shoulders trusting you will help me I remain one in great need

Mrs Thomas J Steinhise
1306 S Charles St.
Baltimore
Md.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

Date 31 May, 1941.

Memorandum for- Chief Personnel Officer.

Subject: Lighthouse Keeper Thomas Jefferson Steinhouse, physical condition.

Inclosure: 1. Certificate of Medical Examination, 20 May, 1941.

1. The medical evidence contained in inclosure 1 has been reviewed and found satisfactory. It is recommended that subject named man be retired for physical disability.

Carl Michel

CARL MICHEL,
Medical Director.

Form 9

TREASURY
DEPARTMENT ~~OF COMMERCE~~
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~
U. S. Coast Guard

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D MAY 24 1941

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Commander,
~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~

Date 5 April, 1941

Norfolk District

Norfolk, Va.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective MAY 1, 1941 on the basis of service shown hereon.

Thomas J. Steinhise,
General Delivery, South Station,
Baltimore, Maryland.

X Thomas J. Steinhise
(Name)

Keeper
(Designation)

Office of ~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~ Commander, Norfolk District

City Norfolk, Va. *Date* 23 May, 1941

Submitted to ~~Commissioner of Lighthouses~~ Commandant, U.S.C.G. Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $.....

per annum, effective at the close of ~~31 May, 1941~~ 30 April

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

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction. ~~Superintendent~~

Bureau of Lighthouses, *Washington, D. C.*,

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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Form 9

~~TREASURY~~ DEPARTMENT ~~OF COMMERCE~~

~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~

U. S. Coast Guard

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name Thomas J. Steinhise Date of birth 29 September, 1878

Designation Keeper

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment, Lighthouse Service and Coast Guard							
Light Keeper	Jan.	29	1919	Nov	15	1919 ✓	- 9 - 17
	Dec.	1	1926	~~May~~	~~31~~	1941 ✓	14 - 5 - 00
				Apr.	30		15 2 17
							1 23
							15 - 0 - 22
	Leave without pay, 11 Nov. 1940 - 5 Jan. 1941, inclusive ~~and month of May, 1941.~~						
Total service			15 years and 22 days ✓				

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

Amended to include qtrs. as result Comp. Gen. Dec. B-70029 dated 10-23-47

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or P. H. personnel)	Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year			
Pay	Mar.	6	1936	Nov.	10	1940	4Y 8M 5D		
	Jan.	6	1941	Apr.	30	1941	3M 25D	total	8045.83 ✓
Quarters	Mar.	6	1936	Nov.	10	1940	4Y 8M 5D	60.00	280.83
	Jan.	6	1941	Apr.	30	1941	3M 25D	60.00	19.17 ✓
									8345.83 ✓

Total compensation for last five years of active service #8345.83 ✓

Average compensation for last five years of active service #1669.16 ✓

Annual rate of retired pay ($1669.16 × years 15.0611 ÷ 40) = #628.48 ✓

(Not exceeding 30)

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Form 9

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

U. S. Coast Guard

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 80)

of pension certificate or of claim: —

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

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

If so, state the compensation received: —

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or F. H. specially noted)	Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year			
	March	6	1936	June	30	1936	3 Mo-25D	$1560.PA	$ 498.33
	July	1	1936	Jan.	31	1937	7 Mo	1560.PA	910.00
Light Keeper	July	1	1937	June	30	1937	5 Mo	1620.PA	675.00
	Feb.	1	1937	June	30	1938	1 Yr.	"	1620.00
	July	1	1938	June	30	1939	1 Yr.	"	1620.00
	July	1	1939	June	30	1940	1 Yr.	"	1620.00
	July	1	1940	Nov.	10	1940	4 Mo-10D	"	585.00
	July	1	1941	Apr.	30	1941	3 Mo-25D	"	517.50
	Jan.	6							

Total compensation for last five years of active service $8,045.83

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1,609.16

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1,609.16 × years 15.0611 (Not exceeding 30) 40) = $605.89

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OFFICE OF COMMANDER
NORFOLK DISTRICT

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NORFOLK, VA.

21 March, 1941.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station; Transfer; Retirement.

Reference: (a) Personnel Notification - Form 2249.

Inclosure: (A) Reference (a) in quadruplicate.

1. It is requested that inclosure (A), approving transfer of subject employee to position of Assistant Keeper, Ragged Point Light Station, be canceled. It is anticipated that recommendation for retirement of Mr. Steinhise on account of disability will be forwarded shortly.

C. J. Sullivan

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction.

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D MAY 24 1941

Form 2523
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

(Act of March 4, 1925)

Name of Claimant Thomas Jefferson Steinhise Designation Lighthouse Keeper

Height 5 ft. 9 in. Weight 188 lbs. pounds. Complexion fair

Color of eyes gray Color of hair gray

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination: Elderly, well developed and nourished white male. No marked distinguishing characteristics.

Description of duties of position (to be filled in by district commander):

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: Pain in knees and back since Spring, 1940. Stomach distress from stomach ulcer for years. Shortness of breath and cough on exertion.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Visual acuity (uncorrected): R. E. 20/ 30 L. E. 20/ 30

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

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

Reads Jaeger No. J-2 at 13 inches, with correction.

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

Inspection normal

Pupils normal Pupillary reaction normal

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

Appearance of right drum silvery, left drum silvery

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

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Condition of nose and sinuses ..... no infection .....

Condition of mouth and throat, including tonsils and teeth .... tonsils not remarkable; only front incisors present.

Bones, joints, muscles, including atrophies .... Slight to moderate limitation of motion in all joints, especially knees and back.
(Express limitation of motion, if any, in degrees and joint involved)

Respiratory system ..... emphysematous findings in both lungs.

Cardiovascular system:

(a) Heart ... Normal in size and shape. Dilatation of aorta.

(1) Murmurs ..... none ..... (2) Arrhythmias ..... none .....

(b) Pulse rate: (1) Sitting ..... 90 ..... (2) After exercise ..... Not advisable to exercise patient. (3) 2 minutes after exercise .....

(c) Blood pressure: (1) Sitting—Syst. 170 Diast. 100 (2) After ex.—Syst. — Diast. —

(d) Condition of blood vessels ..... Moderate thickening and sclerosis .....

Evidence of thyroid or other endocrine disturbance ..... none .....

Abdomen and gastro-intestinal system, including hernia .... x-ray evidence duodenal ulcer .....

Genito-urinary system:

Urinalysis—Sp. gr. ... 1.026 ..... Reaction ..... acid ..... Albumin .. negative .... Sugar .... negative

Sediment microscopic (required when albumin or sugar is found) ..... occ. pus cell .....

Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

(a) Station ..... good ..... (e) Gait ..... good .....

(b) Tremor ..... none ..... (f) Coordination .... good .....

(c) Patellar reflexes ... present ..... (g) Peripheral circulation ..... good .....

(d) Other motor disturbances ..... none .....

Alcohol ..... slight ..... Drugs ..... none ..... Syphilis ..... none ..... Epilepsy ..... none .....

Other neurological findings ..... none .....

General impression ... Patient suffering from multiple constitutional diseases.

Here describe fully nature of disability: .... Arteriosclerosis, general; arthritis, chronic, hypertrophic, general, moderate; hypertension, arterial; duodenal ulcer; pulmonary emphysema; dilatation of aortic arch.

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Is disability to perform duty of a permanent character? ..... yes .....

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

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

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service

U. S. Marine Hospital
(Place of examination)

May 20, 1941
(Date)

K. R. Nelson
(Examining surgeon)

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service
(Title and branch of medical service)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—17606

CP-75

26 November, 1940.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, Norfolk District.

Subject: Thomas J. Steinhise, leave status.

Reference: (a) Your letter November 25 (75).

1. For the reasons set forth in reference (a), leave without pay for a period of one month is approved for the subject employee, beginning November 11, it being noted that all annual and sick leave, including 30 days advance sick leave, expired at the close of November 10.

2. If this employee is not able to return to duty at the expiration of the approved one-month period, your office is authorized to grant him an additional month's leave without pay, prior to the expiration of which further recommendation should be submitted. The attention of your office, however, is invited to the fact that leave without pay is not "active" service, and may not be counted in making up the 15 years of service required in order to be eligible for retirement on account of disability, in accordance with the Act of 20 June, 1918, as amended.

By direction,

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

OFFICE OF COMMANDER
NORFOLK DISTRICT

Norfolk, Va., 25 Nov., 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Thomas J. Steinhise, leave status.

1. The subject employee is at present Keeper of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, although he was nominated on Form 73, dated 27 Sept., 1940, for transfer to position of Assistant Keeper, Ragged Point Light Station, Md. We are in receipt of advices from the U. S. Marine Hospital, Baltimore, Md., where Steinhise is a patient, to the effect that he is in very poor health and that his chances to return to his normal occupation are very slight. He lacks 3½ months of the required 15 years for disability retirement under the Lighthouse Retirement Law. His annual and sick leave, including the permitted advance of thirty days sick leave expired at the close of 10 November.

2. It is requested that Headquarters approve at this time 30 days leave without pay, commencing 11 November, for Steinhise, as it is possible that he might sufficiently improve to warrant his assignment to some light duties to enable him to round out the required fifteen years' service.

3. It is believed this solution is an equitable one, and Headquarters' approval is requested.

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction.

CP-75

October 17, 1940.

Director of Personnel,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Parhan, Room 120.

Sir:

In accordance with your informal request, there are herewith submitted copies of pertinent papers in connection with the proposed transfer of Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise to Ragged Point Light Station, Maryland, form 2249 for which was submitted on October 11, 1940.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

R. J. GROSS,
Chief, Civilian Personnel.

Inclosures (4).

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 6-40

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared: October 11, 1940.

Name: Steinhise, Thomas J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No: 921

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

Change in Status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

	FROM	TO
Position		
Grade	Keeper	Keeper
Salary	Field (Range $1560-1920) $1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Clths.	Field (Range $1380-1740) $1440 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Clths.
Bureau or Div.		
Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters		
Post of Duty	Norfolk, Virginia	Norfolk, Virginia
Appropriation	Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta.,Md.	Ragged Pt. Lt. Sta., Md.
Allotment	Civilian Employees, C.G.	Civilian Employees, C.G.
Field or Deptl.	Field	Field

EFFECTIVE

Remarks:

E.O.D.

Travel from Baltimore Maryland to Valley Lee, Maryland, necessary in interest of Government, not for convenience of employee is authorized, with per diem of $3.50 in lieu of subsistence, chargeable to symbol No. 29. Travel by privately owned automobile at the rate of 4¢ a mile, if more economical and advantageous to the United States than travel by commercial carrier, authorized. If travel is by privately owned automobile, a statement certifying that such travel is more economical and advantageous than travel by commercial carrier must be attached to the voucher.

Justification:

The transfer of Mr. Steinhise is for disciplinary purposes as a result of neglect of duty in connection with the general upkeep of the station. In the new assignment he will be subordinate to another keeper who will have responsibility for the accomplishment of the maintenance and other work required at the station.

W. R. STILES,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Maryland

SEX: M RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

W.S.Atherton

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act

DATE OF OATH

Mrs Mosley
Dept copy
nothing further
12-18-40
RFC

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BUREAU SUSPENSE AND FILE COPY

OCT 12 1940

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 6-40

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared October 11, 1940

Name: Steinhise, Thomas J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No: 921

Change in Status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

	FROM	TO
Position Grade Salary	Keeper Field (Range $1560-1920) $1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Ctrs.	Keeper Field (Range $1380-1740) $1440 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Ctrs.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters Post of Duty Appropriation Allotment Field or Deptl.	Norfolk, Virginia Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta.,Md. Civilian Employees, C.G. Field	Norfolk, Virginia Ragged Pt. Lt. Sta., Md. Civilian Employees, C.G. Field

EFFECTIVE

Remarks: E.C.D.

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The transfer of Mr. Steinhise is for disciplinary purposes as a result of neglect of duty in connection with the general upkeep of the station. In the new assignment he will be subordinate to another Keeper who will have responsibility for the accomplishment of the maintenance and other work required at the station.

Approved: October 11, 1940.
(signed) Herbert E. Gaston
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Maryland

SEX: M | RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE: *

*H.S.Atherton

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 5-20-10

DATE OF OATH

10.11.40

BUREAU OR DIVISION PERSONNEL FILES

DEC 28 1940

Treasury Department
U. S. Coast Guard
Form 73
~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~
Approved Sept. 1, 1938

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D SEP 28 1940

NOMINATION

Norfolk ~~LIGHTHOUSE~~ District Norfolk, Va. (City) 27 Sept. (Date), 1940

Commandant: ~~COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES~~ Change in status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

Action recommended Transfer and Reduction

Name Thomas J. Steinhise Date of birth 29 Sept., 1878 Legal residence Md.

	From—	To—
Position,	Keeper	Asst. Keeper
Pay and grade	$1620 p.a. ($1560-1920) Plus $60 for qtrs.	$1440 p.a. ($1380-1740) Plus $60 for qtrs.
Station	Seven-Foot Knoll Lt. Sta., Md.	Ragged Pt. Lt. Sta., Md.
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C. G.	Civilian Employees, C. G.

Effective 16 October, 1940. { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Vice N. S. Atherton #9-21 Pay $1380 p.a. Services terminated 29 June, 1939

Reason Transfer and Promotion

REMARKS:[2] Mr. Steinhise is entitled to military preference. Travel is recommended from Baltimore, Md., to Valley Lee, Md., inasmuch as transfer is in the interest of the Government.

Selection regular, ____, 19____

C. J. Sullivan,
By direction ~~Superintendent of Lighthouses.~~

Manager, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, , 19

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Travel

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.
[2] In case of vessel officer, state license held.

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STANDARD FORM NO. [illegible]
(Approved by the President [illegible]/24)
Revised Dec. 5, 1929

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment Treasury Dept U.S.L.H. Service Date September 15th

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Steinhise (Surname) Thomas (Given name) Jefferson (Middle name)
2. Present address 1806 (Number) Light St. (Street) Baltimore (City) Maryland (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence Maryland. Fifth (State and Congressional District) Baltimore (County) (City or town)
4. Where born Leonardtown (State or foreign country) St Marys Co Md (City or town) When born Sept 29 1878 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien —
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)		
Male	Female	Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed	White	Colored	
√		√				√		

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you 1 age-16. 1 age-27. Partly Incompetent
8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
Lighthouse	Lower Ledge Pt	asst Keeper	93.50	January	29	1919	Nov	15	1919
Lighthouse Service Detailed at different Stations 6 to 12 months	Lighthouses	Sub + Relief Keeper	90 to 1100	√	—	—	—	—	—
Lighthouse	Various	additional Keeper	1 yr 1 mo	Dec	1	1926			
Lighthouse	Greenfield Bank	Keeper	1.3500						

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below:

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
None	Position None Department or office	None
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below: No

(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service? No

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

12. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information, and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary
	√						

June 1898 Enlisted

Enlisted ~~ARMY~~ Discharged June War discharge

Rank Private

First or Fifth Md Regiment Organization

Enlisted Jun 1898 Discharged June War

Rank Rank

Organization Organization

Organization Organization

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) Black Smith + Erector

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE
Baltimore Dry dock & ship yard	Erector	1918 to 1919
J. B. Gerwershausen	Oil Station + Garage Manager	2 years

15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

Common school	High school	College	(Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

16. In case of emergency, notify Mrs Thelma Davis. Until November 7. then Wife address Berwyn

Relationship Daughter Post office address 1806 Light St Baltimore Md

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

T. J. Stinshire

(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1930

Copy of this form not sent to Department.

CP-75

10 September, 1940

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, Norfolk District.

Subject: Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station.

Reference: (a) Your letter of 28 August, 1940.(75).

Inclosure: 1. Yellow carbon copy of reference (a).

1. Your office may submit nomination Form 73 for Keeper Steinhise's transfer in accordance with paragraph two of reference (a) upon the occurrence of a suitable vacancy.

2. This letter should be cited as your office's authority on Form 73.

3. Inclosure is herewith returned.

By direction,

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

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SEP 12 1940
MAIL DESK

N.R.S. RGFoth

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U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D AUG 29 1940

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

OFFICE OF COMMANDER
NORFOLK DISTRICT

Norfolk, Va., 28 August, 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Charges against T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station.

Reference: (a) Inspection report 7 August, 1940.
(b) Copy charges neglect of duty, 17 Aug., 1940.
(c) Answer to charges, 24 Aug., 1940.

Inclosures: (1) Reference (a)
(2) Reference (b)
(3) Reference (c)

1. The answer in reference (c) to charges preferred in reference (b) against T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, is considered irrelevant and immaterial, and, therefore, unsatisfactory. In view of these facts, the charges are considered sustained.

2. It is, therefore, recommended that Keeper T. J. Steinhise be reduced to rating of Assistant Keeper and transferred to another station in the Norfolk District. It is recommended further that Keeper Steinhise be placed on probation for a period of one year.

3. For the information of Headquarters it can be stated that Steinhise will be eligible for retirement, if found physically incapable of performing his duties, in about six months. It is anticipated that his physical condition will be checked at that time to determine, among other considerations, his ability to continue in the service.

W. J. KEESTER,
Acting.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~

~~ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NORFOLK, VA.~~

Commander, Norfolk District, U. S. Coast Guard
U. S. Coast Guard,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Box 6312 South Station
Address
~~Fifth District~~
Seven foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
August 24, 1940
Date

U.S. COAST GUARD
AUG 27 1940
NORFOLK DIST.

Sir,

In answer to letter recieved Aug 24, 1940
Today of Say to my duties, I am not guilty,
I have not been well for a long time owering
to my injury and bad health, I have been a
Subject to and am still a Subject of ~~Superintendants~~
Or Commanders of their consideration. Any American
Says that I dont try to do my duty in regards
to my duties to the Goverment of the United States.
(I have and my Parents before me) I have never in
my life failed to heed any caution to give my
best effords to do what I am told. I am and can
Submit to the President of the United States where
I am compelled to, as a Loyal citizen with proper
cooperation from the Goberment and my
assistance to ~~do~~ ~~any~~ duty at all times

Respectfully Thomas J. Steinhise
Keeper

17 August, 1940

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Keeper T.J. Steinhise,
Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station,
South Station - Box 6412,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Subject: Charges - neglect of duties.

Inclosure: (1) Copy of Inspection Report made 7 August, 1940.
(2) Copy of letter dated 18 October, 1937.

1. An inspection of your station on 7 August indicates that you have been lax in your duties to the extent that the station has deteriorated and become so very far below the standard required by the Coast Guard as to warrant the following charges:

2. You have failed to heed the caution given you by the former Superintendent of Lighthouses, in a letter dated 18 October, 1937, copy attached.

3. You are charged with neglect of duty in permitting the station to become into a deplorable condition. It is dirty, disorderly and in need of painting, as indicated in copy of the report of inspection made on 7 August, attached.

4. You will be given 21 days from this date to answer these charges. Your answer must be confined to the specific charges herein made and it must be expressed in temperate language as indicated in Paragraph 91, of the "Instructions to Employees of the U.S. Lighthouse Service, 1927", a copy of which is or should be on your station.

W. J. KEESTER,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Acting Commander, Norfolk District.

Form 61

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

REPORT OF INSPECTION OF LIGHT STATION OR DEPOT

U. S. COAST GUARD
RECD AUG 29 1940

~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~

OFFICE OF ~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~ Commander, Norfolk DISTRICT,

16 August, 1940

1. Name of aid, Seven Foot Knoll.
2. Inspected by N.C. MANYON, Commander on 7 August 1940.
3. Does aid conform in characteristic and description to official lists? Yes.
4. Is the aid in efficient condition and does it function properly?
   (a) Light. Yes
   (b) Fog signal. Yes
   (c) ____
5. Is the station in clean and orderly condition? No.
6. Are records and correspondence files maintained properly? No. Needs files and instructions.
7. Are tools and supplies properly stored and cared for? No.
8. Does property return check with count of selected items? No.
9. Were surplus and condemned articles surveyed and disposed of? No.
10. Is the station in proper state of repair as to—
    (a) Work that can be done by the keepers? No.
    (b) Work that cannot be done by the keepers? Yes.
11. Station rating: Cleanliness, 60 ; orderliness, 60 ; operation, 100

12.

PERSONNEL RATING		Name	Neatness	Conduct	Efficiency
	Keeper	~~Steinhise~~	~~Absent on leave~~		
	1st Asst	~~Willis~~ Bmlc	80	80	80
	2d Asst				

Scale of rating: 100=Excellent. 90=Good. 80=Average. 70=Fair. 60=Poor. 50=Very poor.

13. Remarks.—Give further information as may be necessary relative to negative answers to questions 3 to 10. Mention should be made of all important facts concerning the station.

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The condition of this station is deplorable. (See separate letter)

Paint room - very dirty and disorderly.
Bell room - " " .
Roof - needs painting.
Lantern storm panes - very dirty.
Metal on lens - dirty.
Upper galley deck needs painting.
Bell machinery - dirty.
Door leading from lower deck to kitchen - needs scraping and painting.
Food locker - dirty.
Floors - dirty, need scrubbing and refinishing.
Storm doors - need scraping and painting.
Kitchen floor - dirty.
Kitchen - needs scrubbing and painting.

MEMO for maintenance and repairs:
Station needs heating stove - MANGUM 15 or equal.
Boat engine needs new eccentric straps and rocker arm.

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12 February, 1940.

Director of Personnel,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

There is attached hereto a copy of a letter of caution addressed to Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, for information and the official record of this employee.

By direction of the Commandant,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Jones,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief Personnel Officer.

Inclosure: (1).

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Ek copy to [illegible]

7 February, 1940.

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, Md.
(Through Commander, Norfolk District).

Headquarters has given careful consideration to your reply to charges in the matter of your having permitted the assistant keeper to bring intoxicating liquors to the station on his return from leave on 21 December, 1939, in violation of paragraph 120 of the Instructions to Employees. It is noted that Willie P. Willis, BM lc., is assigned to the duties of assistant keeper at your station, and that upon his return from leave you observed that he brought intoxicating liquors to the station, but that you had doubts as to your authority to enforce the regulations in this instance, and that you departed from the station on leave under these circumstances. In consideration of the explanation submitted by you no action will be taken beyond cautioning you with regard to your responsibility as keeper in charge of the station, and your attention is directed to the above cited paragraph of the Instruction for your future guidance.

By direction,

C. H. Jones,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief Personnel Officer.

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FEB 7 - 1940
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1st indorsement.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, Norfolk District.

The above copy is referred to your office for the files of this employee, attention being invited to the recommendation of your office in the matter under date of January 8. In consideration of the circumstances as well as the prior record of Keeper Steinhise, Headquarters deems the above letter of caution the appropriate action in this instance.

By direction,

C.H.Jones,
Chief Personnel Officer.

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25 January, 1940.

The Commandant (via Chief Personnel Officer).

Subject: Steinhise, Thomas J., Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, Norfolk District.

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2. The Inspector-in-Chief recommends against any action in the case of Steinhise until the Willis case is finished. Willis is to be tried before a Coast Guard Court, and as he has, approximately, twenty-five years' service, and a wife and three children, it is doubtful if the Coast Guard Court will award a dismissal or dishonorable discharge to him; and, in all fairness, Steinhise should receive greater leniency as the victim of the offense than should Willis who was the perpetrator of the offense.

3. It should be borne in mind that Keeper Steinhise was probably not sure of his authority over Willis, and, during this period of adjustment, care should be taken that no injustice is done to the Lighthouse personnel. Steinhise has an excellent record for service and sobriety, and, since 1934, Willis has an excellent record for drunkenness.

Norman B. Hall,
Acting Inspector-in-Chief.

PH-LMC.

Recorded: 1-25-40 (LMC).

Thos V Steinhise

Mr Grant,

Please hold

until after the

Willis case is

disposed of.

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Capt. Jones telephoned that he has just received information to the effect that Boatswain's Mate W.P.Willis has been found not guilty of intoxication by court marshall, and that under the circumstance the appropriate action with regard to Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise would be to caution him of his responsibilities as keeper in charge of the station to enforce the regulations with regard to the introduction of alcoholic liquors on light stations by his assistants, whether his assistants be in an enlisted status or otherwise.

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Capt Lomax

This letter to Steinhilber is submitted along the basis of your telephone advice to the effect that a court found Tuttle not guilty RG

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-IN-CHIEF

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

DATE 25 January, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Commandant (via Chief Personnel Officer).

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Norman B. Hall,
Acting Inspector-in-Chief.

16 January, 1940.

Chief Personnel Officer.

With reference to the Norfolk District's attached recommendation of January 8 for the dismissal of Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, the case has been examined in detail and the following comments are submitted for the completion of the record and to indicate the basis for final action:

The dismissal of Keeper Steinhise is recommended by the District on the basis of charges against him involving the fact that he permitted the assistant keeper to bring intoxicating liquor to the station on December 21, and that on that night the assistant keeper (Willis) apparently became intoxicated with the result that he neglected to operate the light that night.

Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station is a two keeper station without family quarters. It appears that the assistant keeper position has been filled since last October by BMlc W. P. Willis, and that Willis returned from 15 days leave about 11 A.M. on December 21, and that Keeper Steinhise went on leave about 1 P.M. on the same date. It appears that on his return from leave Mr. Willis was considered to have been drinking by Keeper Steinhise but that he was not actually intoxicated and that Keeper Steinhise considered Mr. Willis capable of performing his duties at the station. The evidence however indicates that Willis brought some liquor back to the station with him on returning from leave and that Keeper Steinhise actually saw Willis unpack this intoxicating liquor but did not ~~know~~ anything about it. Steinhise explains that since the liquor was Willis' personal property he considered himself without authority in the matter.

The Regulations in this matter are as follows:

> "The introduction of alcoholic liquors or other intoxicants on board any lighthouse vessel or within any lighthouse reservation is strictly prohibited, and officers or employees in charge will be held directly responsible for the enforcement of this regulation."

It therefore appears plain that Keeper Steinhise was derelict in his duty in not observing this requirement of the Regulations in permitting Mr. Willis to bring intoxicating liquor to the station.

In general, in civil service disciplinary cases, the aim is to make the disciplinary action fit the offense, in other words, to make the punishment fit the crime. Unless the employe's offense is a very severe one plainly showing that the employee can not be tolerated and must be dismissed, it appears necessary in arriving at an equitable penalty to review his offense in the context of his entire record. In other words, if an employee has a long and meritorious record that fact is of necessity a consideration in determining any penalty to be imposed upon him for any mistakes or misconduct he may make in carrying on his duties. As to Keeper Steinhise's prior record, it shows that he is 61 years of age and has been in the Service upwards of 14 years. During his period of service he was commended some half dozen times on account of some especially meritorious action. Among these commendations is one in 1928 at the instance of Congressman Free whose wife was in a party on a small boat which went aground at Cobb Bar Lighthouse on the Potomac River where Mr. Steinhise

was stationed at that time and Steinhise went to the boat's aid. Also among the commendations of Keeper Steinhise is one by Secretary of Commerce Roper in 1933 in connection with Keeper Steinhise's rescue from drowning of five men from the tug boat Breeze which went down near Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station with fourteen people on board on August 21, 1933. In recognition of this latter action, Mr. Steinhise was also, on the recommendation of the then Lighthouse Service, awarded a silver life-saving medal by the Coast Guard or Treasury Department on December 10, 1935.

Keeper Steinhise's record appears clear of any previous disciplinary action except a letter of caution addressed to him on October 18, 1937 with regard to some poor painting work at the station.

In consideration of the full record, therefore, it appears doubtful that the District's recommendation for the dismissal of Keeper Steinhise is fully warranted by the circumstances of the case, and in lieu of that it is recommended that he (a) be severely reprimanded and demoted $10 a month for a period of six months, or (b) that he be demoted from principal keeper to assistant keeper upon the occurrence of a suitable vacancy, and that in either case recommendation be submitted to the Department for final action.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

U.S. COAST GUARD (11)
REC'D. JAN 10 1940 By
ANS.

Norfolk, Virginia

8 January, 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Charges against T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Ft. Knoll Light Station.

Enclosures:
(a) Copy of charges.
(b) Answer to charges.
(c) Copy of report of investigation outage Seven-Ft. Knoll Light Station.

1. Under enclosure (a) there is transmitted copy of charges addressed to T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, under date of 28 December, 1939. Under enclosure (b) there is transmitted herewith Mr. Steinhise's reply to these charges.

2. After considering all the facts in this case, it is my opinion that Keeper Steinhise is guilty as charged. Furthermore, there is strong evidence to show that he left the station without being regularly relieved, in which connection see enclosure (c).

3. After giving all the facts full thought and consideration, I recommend that Thomas J. Steinhise be dismissed from the Coast Guard Service.

T. G. CRAPSTER.

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U. S. COAST GUARD (11)
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Baltimore Md. January 5th - 1940

To The Commander of U.S.C.G. Norfolk District

Sir:

In answering the letter of Dec. 28-1939, Willie P. Willis arrived at Station December 21 around 11:30 A.M. by boat out of Bodkin Creek. Fresh westerly wind at the time made landing difficulty. He brought with him a basket of groceries, also his grip. Mr. Lewis stopped only long enough for Willis to get out. After things were gotten to the living quarters Mr. Willis unpacked among other things I saw, 3 bottles of supposed intoxicating liquor. I never tasted it as he seemed sober enough, only grouchy and the less I said the better for all. I thought once to throw it overboard; then I would have been destroying personal property. Knowing he is not very well at times it could have been doctor's orders. As I was alone at the Station from the 5th to the 21st without any substitute or relief I was ready to go when he arrived and he told me he was all right. Sir, I am truly sorry this happened but I surely don't feel guilty or was the cause of the outage of the light at Seven Foot Knoll December 21, 1939. In all my years I never had anything like this to happen on any Lightstation and knowing I have the right to destroy I shall say it will never happen again.

I beg mercy for all concerned.

Respectfully

/s/ Thomas J. Steinhise

Keeper

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

U. S. COAST GUARD (11)
REC'D. JAN 10 1940 By
ANS.

Norfolk, Virginia

28 December, 1939

From: Commander, Norfolk District
To: T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven Foot Knoll Light Station,
Box 6412 - South Station,
Baltimore, Md.

1. There is before this Office evidence of the fact that you, as keeper in charge of a light station, permitted the Assistant Keeper to bring intoxicating liquors on board the station, in violation of Par. 120, "Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1927", copy of which is on your station.

2. You are hereby charged with a violation of the said regulation. A specific instance which occasions these charges is 21 December, 1939, when the Assistant Keeper, W. P. Willis, brought a quantity of intoxicating liquors on board the station, the use of which was or could have been responsible for the outage of Seven Foot Knoll Light on the night of 21 December.

3. Your reply to the charges must be in temperate language, free from countercharges, and relate specifically to the matters referred to in the charges. See in this connection Par. 91, "Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1927."

4. You will be allowed ten days to reply to these charges.

T. G. CRAPSTER.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.,
26 December, 1939.

From: Engineer in charge, Lazaretto Depot.
To: Commander Norfolk District.

Subject: Outage, Seven Foot Knoll Light, 21 Dec., 1939.

Reference: (a) Telephone request from Mr. Bartlett, Commander's office, that investigation be made. (Telephone request about 0230 22 Dec. 1939 relayed to Eng. in Chge Lazaretto Depot at 0700 22 Dec. 1939.)

Inclosure: 1. Interview with W.P. Willis, BMlc, 111-117, 23 Dec. 1939.
2. " " John Brickhouse, Seaman, MISTLETOE,".
3. " " Lee Dodd, Seaman, MISTLETOE, ".
4. " " L.B. Snowden, 1st Officer, MISTLETOE,".
5. " " Thos. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, 23 Dec., 1939.

1. Upon receipt of reference (a) proceeded to Lazaretto Depot, and upon securing services of Mr. Frazier to act as substitute keeper, subject light station, per telephone authority from Commander's office, after loading of two sets six cells each Willard cells, and other material on tender MISTLETOE, proceeded to Seven Foot Knoll Light Station. Tender left Lazaretto Depot about 1330 Dec. 22. Upon arrival at Seven Foot Knoll it was considered inadvisable to attempt landing, therefore tender proceeded to Upper Chesapeake Lighted Bell Bucy 5, relighting same 1710. Tender anchored off Swan Pt. overnight awaiting favorable landing conditions at Seven Ft. Knoll.

2. Arrived off Seven Ft. Knoll about 0830 Dec. 23, put Mr. Frazier aboard light station, and took off W.P. Willis, BMlc, with two seamen attached to tender MISTLETOE. About 1100 Dec. 23, boarded the light station in company of 1st Officer, commanding tender MISTLETOE, and returned W.P. Willis, BMlc to station. Station and records inspected. Condition of station records noted in station Journal. Description of station records as of 1030 Dec. 23 follows:

(a) Last entry in watch book-"3D to 8R 20 Dec., T.J. Steinhise"
(b) Last entries in form 303 (Record of absences)-
"Willie P. Willis 5 Dec. 2pm-Liberty
T.J. Steinhise 21 Dec. 1230pm-Liberty"

Station searched for liquor, none found. Expendable necessary supplies noted and considered adequate.

S.F. Clark

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

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Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.
26 December 1939.

Interview with W.P.Willis, BMlc, aboard tender MISTLETOE, 0855 23 Dec., 1939, by Engineer in charge, Lazaretto Dep.

1. The following statement was read:
"This is an investigation to endeavor to get the facts relating to the outage of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station from sunset 21 Dec.1939 to 0010 22 Dec.1939."
Q. What is your name, rating or rank, and number?
A. Willie P. Willis, BMlc, 111-117.
Q. On what date in December were you authorized to leave the light station for shore liberty?
A. December sixth, I think.
Q. On what date did this leave expire?
A. December twenty first.
Q. On what date and what time did you return to the light station, and by what means?
A. I returned 11 am December 21, 1939, by hired boat.
Q. Did you light the main light at Seven Foot Knoll at sunset 21 December 1939?
A. No.

2. Before p utting the following questions, Willis was advised that he might answer, or refuse to answer by so stating, the following questions. He was advised that at this time, no specifications or charges were pending against him.
Q. For what reason was the light not lighted?
A. Went to sleep.
Q. At what time did you fall asleep?
A. Around 4 or 5 pm.
Q. Was the Keeper, Seven Ft. Knoll Lt. Sta., aboard the station at sunset 21 Dec., 1939?
A. No, he wasn't.
Q. What time did the Keeper leave the station on 21 Dec., 1939?
A. Around noon.
Q. On what date were you attached to Seven Ft. Knoll Lt. Sta.?
A. Fifth of October, 1939.
Q. Did you understand that it was your duty to light the light on Seven Ft. Knoll Lt. Sta., at sunset on 21 Dec. 1939?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you wish to make any further statement?
A. No.

3. The following additional questions were asked at about 1030 Dec. 23, aboard tender MISTLETOE, the statement at head of paragraph 2 being repeated before the questions were put.
Q. Were you drinking intoxicating liquor on the light station on 21 Dec., 1939?
A. No.
Q. Did you bring any intoxicating liquor aboard the light station on 21 Dec. 1939?
A. No.

S.F.CLARK
Eng. in charge, Lazaretto Depot.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

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Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.
26 December, 1939.

Interview of John Brickhouse, Seaman, aboard tender MISTLETOE, 0920 23 December, 1939, by Engineer in charge, Lazaretto Depot.

1. The following statement was read:
"This is an investigation to endeavor to get the facts relating to the outage of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station from sunset 21 Dec., 1939, to 0010 22 Dec. 1939."

Q. What is your name, rating, and vessel?
A. John Brickhouse, seaman, tender MISTLETOE.
Q. Did you board the light station on either of the mentioned dates, and at what time?
A. We went aboard midnight, 22nd of December, 1939, time by ahrm clock on station.
Q. Who else boarded the station at that time?
A. Commanding Officer Snowden, Emery Ridgell fireman, and Lee Dodd seaman, tender MISTLETOE.
Q. Did you observe the station p ersonnel?
A. Yes.
Q. Describe condition of station and personnel.
A. No light was seen, and man on station was in bed. We went on and lit the light. When we came down from tower, I could smell liquor.
Q. Did you remain on station and for how long?
A. Yes; until about 8 oclock this morning.
Q. Did anyone else from tender MISTLETOE remain on station with you?
A. Yes; Lee Dodd remained with me.
Q. Did you see any liquor on the station?
A. Saw about quarter of pint of what seemed to be whiskey.
Q. Where was this?
A. Under p illow on bed.
Q. Did you make a search for this?
A. No.
Q. How then did you happen to see it?
A. Pillow was disarranged by Asst. Keeper.
Q. When did you see it?
A. Night before last around one oclock.
Q. Was the bed occup ied at that time?
A. Yes/.
Q. By whom?
A. The Assistant Keeper.
Q. Were you in the tower before the light was relighted on Dec. 22?
A. Yes.
Q. Was the lamp in position?
A. No.
Q. Were curtains hung over the inside of the lantern, or removed?
A. Curtains were hanging to windows, just as I had left them the morning before.
Q. Were you then on the station on December 21?
A. Yes.
Q. For what purpose?
A. To relieve Keeper while he was in for examination.
Q. Is there a stove on station?
A. Yes.
Q. Was there a fire in the stove on Dec. 22 when you boarded the sta.?
A. Very little.

S F Clark S.F. Clark, Eng. in chge, Laz. Depot.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

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Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.
26 December, 1939.

Interview of Lee Dodd, Seaman,
aboard tender MISTLETOE, 1005 23 Dec., 1939, by Eng. in charge, Laz. Depot.

1. The following statement was read:
" This is an investigation to endeavor to get the facts relating to the outage of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station from sunset 21 Dec., 1939 to 0010 22 Dec., 1939."

Q. What is your name, rating, and vessel?
A. Lee Dodd, Seaman, Acting Quartermaster, tender MISTLETOE.
Q. Did you board the light station on either of the mentioned dates, and at what time?
A. Yes; at 12 oclock midnight 22nd of Dec. 1939.
Q. Did you observe the station p ersonnel?
A. Yes.
Q. Describe condition of station and personnel.
A. Man in station was in bed, did not see any light.
Q. Did you remain on station and for how long?
A. Yes; until this morning.
Q. Did anyone else from tender MISTLETOE go on station with you?
A. Yes; John Brockhouse.
Q. Did you see any liquor on the station?
A. I saw something in a bottle, which was on the floor near the bed when station was boarded.
Q. Were you in the tower before the light was relighted on Dec. 22?
A. No.
Q. Is there a stove on the light station?
A. Yes.
Q. Was there a fire in the stove on Dec. 22 when you boarded the station?
A. Yes.
Q.

S.F. Clark
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Eng. in chge,
Lazaretto Depot.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.
26 December, 1939.

Interview of L.B.Snowden, 1st Officer, aboard tender MISTLETOE, 1630 23 Dec., 1939, by Eng. in chge, Laz. Depot.

1. The following statement was read:
"This is an investigation to endeavor to get the facts relating to the outage of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station from sunset 21 Dec. 1939 to 0010 22 Dec. 1939."

Q. What is your name and position?
A. L.B.Snowden, 1st Officer, tender MISTLETOE.
Q. When was an outage of the light first reported to you?
A. At 930pm Dec. 21, 1939 by night watchman, Lazaretto Depot, who relayed message from USS Calypso that SS President Warfield Old Bay Line had reported the light out.
Q. What was your first action upon receipt of this report?
A. Verified report and found it to be true.
Q. Where was tender MISTLETOE at time of first report?
A. At Lazaretto Depot.
Q. Were any further reports received, and from whom?
A. At 954pm from Mr. Bartlett in Norfolk by telephone.
Q. What was your action upon receipt of these reports?
A. Proceeded to Seven Ft. Knoll light; 1140 pm anchored off Seven Foot Knoll light.
Q. Did you board the light station and at what time?
A. Yes at twelve midnight.
Q. Were other men taken aboard the light station and if so who?
A. John Brickhouse, Emery Ridgell, and Lee Dodd.
Q. Did you observe the station personnel?
A. Yes.
Q. Describe condition of station and personnel.
A. Light extinguished. When I boarded the light, I first spoke to the Assistant Keeper, and asked him what was the trouble. He said he would light the light. After seeing his condition, I took Seaman Brickhouse, proceeded to tower, lit the light, took down lens curtains, and came downstairs. I took second look at Assistant Keeper, who was lying in bed, and his condition apparently was not of such nature as to intelligently converse. Owing to strong NW wind and rough sea, my men in boat were unable to keep off rocks. I had to leave station at once, leaving two men, John Brickhouse, and Lee Dodd. I gave them orders to keep the light, start fog signal if necessary, keep watch around the station, and watch the Assistant Keeper. They were ordered to remain there until picked up by the tender.
Q. Is it your opinion that the Assistant Keeper was intoxicated?
A. Yes.
Q. On what indications do you base such opinion?
A. By smell of liquor in the living room when I entered it, and by his general behavior and actions.
Q. Did you see any liquor on the station?
A. No, I did not make search.
Q. Was there a fire in the stove on station? at time of boarding?
A. Yes.
Q. What was condition of the living room?
A. There was one blanket on the floor and a suitcase on the floor.
Q. Did you consider that the Assistant Keeper was in need of medical attention?
A. No.

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S.F.CLARK, Engr. in charge, Laz. Depot.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.
26 December, 1939.

Interview of Thos.J.Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Ft.Knoll Lt.Sta., 2245 23 Dec., 1939 at 1306 S.Charles St., Baltimore, Md., by Eng.in charge, Lazaretto Depot.

1.
Q.What is your name, rank, and station?
A.Thomas J.Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Ft.Knoll Lt.Sta.
Q.On what date in Dec.1939 was the Asst Keeper authorized to leave the light station on liberty?
A.The fifth.
Q.On what date did this leave expire?
A.To best of my knowledge, 15 days after Dec.5.
Q.On what date and at what time did the Asst Keeper return to the light station and by what means?
A.Around 1130am on Dec. 21st with Mr.Lewis from Bodkin Creek by boat.
Q.Did you leave the light station on 21 Dec., 1939?
A.Yes.
Q.At what time?
A.One pm
Q.Did you properly instruct the Assistant Keeper in his duties before leaving station?
A.Yes.
Q.At the time you left the station did you consider that the Asst. Keeper was capable of performing these duties?
A.Yes.
Q.Did the Asst Keeper bring any intoxicating liquor aboard the light station on 21 Dec.1939?
A.Yes.
Q.In what quantity and what was its nature?
A.A quart and another bottle about 2/3 full of Calvert whiskey, and one p int gin.
Q.Did the Asst.Keeper drink any intoxicating liquor aboard the light station on 21 Dec.1939?
A.I never saw it.
Q.Is it your opinion that the Asst Keeper was intoxicated at the time he boarded the light station 21 Dec.1939?
A.Partly.
Q.On what do you base this opinion?
A.Had I been in a boat I would not have been afraid for him to have been at the helm.
Q.Did the Assistant Keeper have any difficulty boarding the station?
A.No.
Q.Did you take any steps toward removing the liquor from station or destroying it?
A.No.
Q.Are any other facts known to you which you believe should be stated at this time?
A.No.

2.Before putting the questions listed in 1.above, the following statement was read."This is an investigation to endeavor to get the facts relating to the outage of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station from sunset 21 Dec.1939, to 0010 22 Dec.1939."

S.F.CLARK
Eng.in chge,
Lazaretto Depot.

S. F. Clark

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Mr. T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
7-Foot Knoll Light Station,
P. O. Box 6412, South Station,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Steinhise:

The Department of Commerce is interested and takes pride in the services you were able to render a small, disabled boat near your Station on July eighteenth. The matter has been brought to the attention of Secretary Roper and myself. Please accept my commendation.

Cordially yours,

J. M. JOHNSON

J. M. Johnson,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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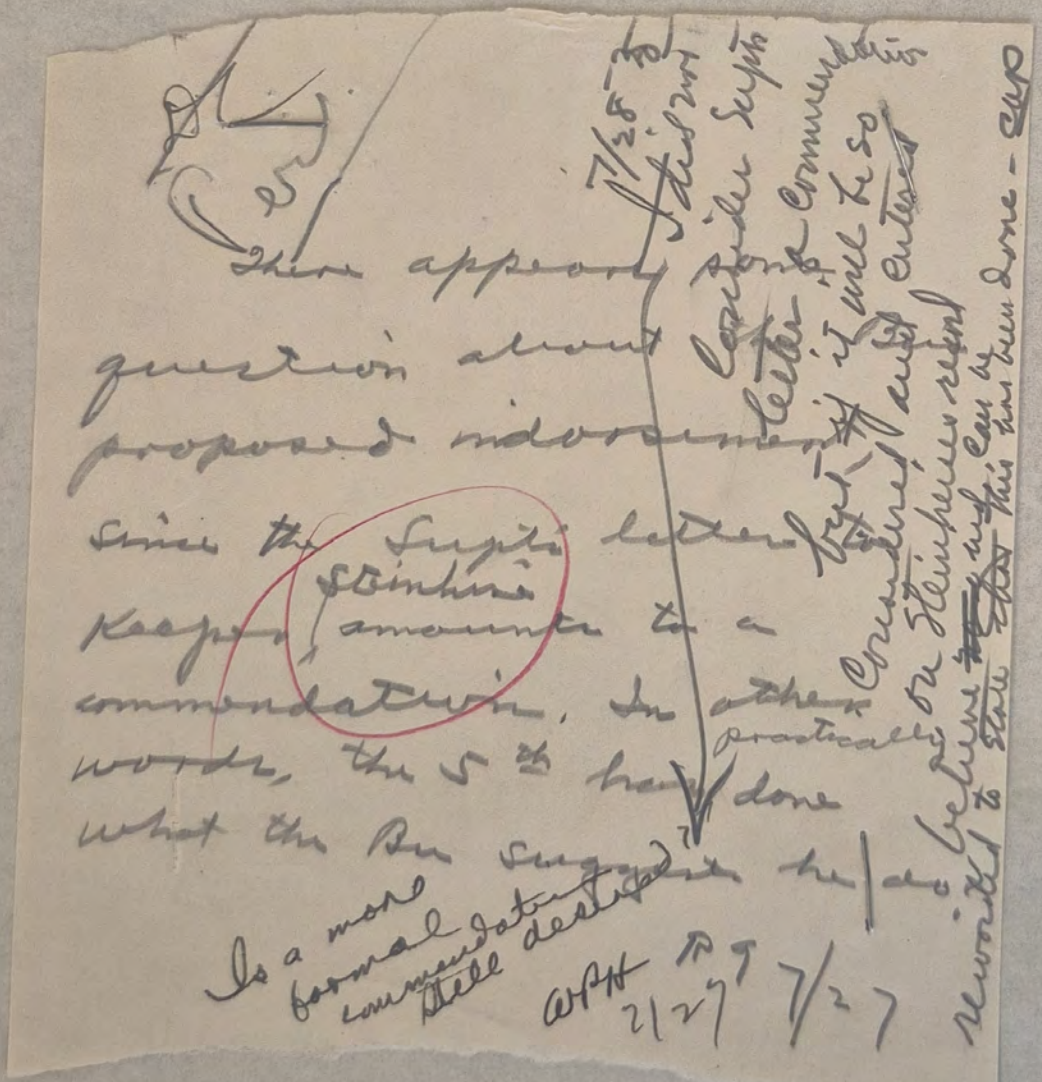
Superintendent of Lighthouses, Norfolk, Va.

The Bureau has noted your letter of July 22, 1938 to T. S. Steinhise, keeper of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, regarding assistance rendered by him on July 18 to 3 men in a disabled motor boat, and noted the matter as a part of his official record. Your attention is invited to the fact that copies of commendation should be submitted to the Bureau in duplicate in order that a copy may be submitted to the Department for its files, and it is requested that this be done hereafter.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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FIFTH DISTRICT

Seven foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 18, 1933

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses

Sir: Subject, Assistance rendered.

This evening about 3 P. M. there was a Squall with stormy winds for a while. Near this station was a small boat with 3 men aboard and their engine became disable. I the Keeper was looking at them and saw that unless they got to this station they were going to sink. I taken a long line and succeeded in getting it to them as they passed the rocks and pull them to the house and manage to sling their boat with rope and saved it without much help from them as they were very scared. I had them to write their names and they were shakey. After the storm was over I help them repair the engine and they went home. One said never a fishing trip again for him. Hoping this is satisfactory.

Respectfully,

T. J. Steinhise

Keeper

P. S. I am sending you their names as they rote them.

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To Dept.

Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

Office of Supt.,5th Dist.,
Norfolk,Va.
July 22, 1938.

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Keeper T.J. Steinhise,
7-Foot Knoll Light Station,
P.O. Box 6412, South Station,
Baltimore,Md.

Subject: Assistance rendered.

1. This office has read with interest your letter of July 18th relative assistance rendered 3 men in a disabled motor boat, and is pleased to note your action in this case.

N.C.Manyon
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,D.C.,
August 19, 1938.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information. Copy of Mr. Steinhise's letter of July 18 is attached.
For the Commissioner:

R.J.Gross
Chief,Personnel Division.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NORFOLK, VA.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
NORFOLK, VA.

July 22, 1938.

Keeper T. J. Steinhise,
7-Foot Knoll Light Station,
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Baltimore, Md.

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N. C. MANYON,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
July 27, 1938.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Norfolk, Va. It appears that the assistance rendered by the keeper was commendable and the Superintendent and it is suggested that consideration be given to such action, copy of which should be submitted to the Bureau in duplicate.

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses, together with copy of above mentioned letter.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
NORFOLK, VA.

October 18, 1937.

Steinhise

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Keeper,
7-Foot Knoll Light Station,
P.O. Box 6412, South Station,
Baltimore, Md.

Subject: Caution.

1. An inspection of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station by the Superintendent on October 11 found the maintenance of the station far below the standards of the Lighthouse Service.

2. The exterior was being painted in a very slovenly manner, the red lead being permitted to run and presenting a very unsightly appearance.

3. The roof had been painted over scaling paint and rust. The station tools were rusty and the base of the fog signal machinery showed clearly that the usual care in handling the handle of this machine had not been taken.

4. You are hereby cautioned that your station must evidence great improvement in the future or it will be necessary to take definite disciplinary action to see that Government property is cared for in the manner prescribed in the Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service.

N. C. MANYON,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to: Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
October 21, 1937.

Copy submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Division of Personnel
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1937

Mr. T.J. Steinhise

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1937

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,

Wm. J. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

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April 30, 1936

IN REPLY
PLEASE REFER TO DATE
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Hon. Harold D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses
Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

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all enclosures returned as requested

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

The enclosed correspondence relative to Captain Thomas J. Steinhise is sent to you with the request that you return it to me with your advice as to whether he is now in the service or retired and receiving retired pay.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

M Tydings

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May 5, 1936

Hon. Millard E. Tydings,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Tydings:

In reference to your letter of April 30 requesting information as to the status of Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise:

Mr. Steinhise is employed as keeper at Seven Foot Knoll Lightstation, Maryland, at a salary of $1560 per annum. The records show that he first entered the Service in 1919 but resigned after approximately nine months' service. He was again employed on December 1, 1926, since which time his service has been continuous.

The Lighthouse Service Retirement Law of June 20, 1918, as amended, provides for voluntary retirement at age sixty-five after a minimum of thirty years' service, and for compulsory retirement at age seventy. As Mr. Steinhise is now in his fifty-eighth year (born September 29, 1878), and has only approximately ten years of service to his credit, he would not be eligible for voluntary retirement at age sixty-five if he continued in the Service, but, of course, would be retired under the compulsory provision at age seventy, provided he remained until that age.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Lighthouses

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ble rooms that are combination bed and sitting rooms, a bath of a sort and, of all things, electric light, generated by a small portable power plant. Narrow porches, running around the structure, afford an excellent view of the jungle over a wide radius.

A short distance from the hotel is a salt lick where wild animals of many kinds come to satisfy their natural craving for this element. With the aid of powerful binoculars it is possible for guests at the tree-top inn to watch the whole thrilling and primitive show.

Because no shooting is permitted from the arboreal inn, the beasts of the jungle sometimes venture right into its "front yard" to stare curiously at the intruders.

Now and again a stealthy jungle cat will pounce upon a gazelle or a zebra in plain sight of the occupants of the African road house, or a trumpeting herd of elephants will send the salt-eating animals scurrying for cover.

After the jungle darkness falls, with the suddenness of a gigantic curtain being dropped from the sky, there are no more sights to be seen. But the show goes on "with sound," as the movie men say. Only a person who has spent a night in the jungle can imagine the effect of these sounds on the ear and the imagination. The darkness seems to pulsate with a strange life of its own and some of the noises that come out of it make the listener's heart beat faster.

Most of the time the jungle hotel is full and there's a waiting list for its expensive accommodations.



The Champ Sweet Potato?

IT may be that Mother Nature has, at times, produced sweet potatoes bigger than the one shown in the photograph

toes was anxious to find out whether anyone ever had even seen or heard of a bigger one. He talked with other farmers

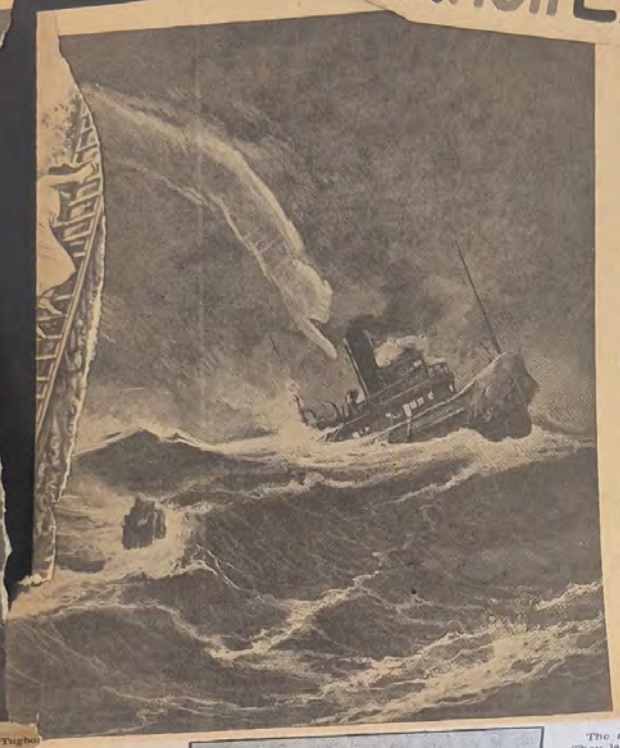
Washington Herald
Feb. 1936

Heroic Rescue by the Keeper of 57-Foot-Knoll Light

Daring Exploit in the Heavy Gale Which Drove a Ship Onto the Shoals and Earned a Medal of Honor for the Keeper of the Light Who Saved the Lives of the Crew

Keeper [illegible] Tells of a Strange, Ghostly Clutch Which He Says Waked Him Out of His Sleep and Revealed the Peril of a Stranded Ship





It Was the Spirit of the Drowned Engineer of the Wrecked Tugboat "Point Breeze" That Waked the Light-Keeper's Assistant, Young Earl Steinhise Believes.



Captain Thomas J. Steinhise, the Keeper of the Light, Who Risked His Life to Save the Crew of the Wrecked Tugboat, "Point Breeze."



A Group of the Crew of the Tugboat "Point Breeze," Who Were Rescued After Their Vessel Struck on the Seven-Foot-Knoll Shoals.



Earl Steinhise, Assistant Light-Keeper and Son of Captain Steinhise, the Head Keeper.



Photograph of Seven-Foot-Knoll Lighthouse.

THE cold, clammy hand of the ghost of a drowned man waked the sleeping son of the keeper of the lighthouse of Seven-Foot-Knoll in the midst of the storm, Earl Steinhise, the assistant keeper, believes. And then, following what the young man feels sure was a ghostly warning, a heroic rescue of five sailors was made.

Seven-Foot-Knoll Light is a small beacon six miles from shore, and it was on that stormy night in August, two years ago, that Captain Thomas J. Steinhise, the keeper of the light, established a new record for heroism in the lighthouse service. The elder Steinhise, manning a twenty-one-foot open boat in a mountainous sea, succeeded in rescuing from the raging waters five sailors from a foundered tug, and the body of the drowned chief engineer.

And it was for this feat of heroism that Captain Steinhise was awarded a Government medal for unusual bravery, and received a citation from his chief, the Secretary of Commerce, the other day.

The job of tending the light at Seven-Foot Knoll is not the most enviable in the world. True, there is lots of quiet, for the lighthouse is planted in the Chesapeake Bay, six miles from the western shore and about thirty miles from Baltimore. There are no noisy neighbors with squawking radios, nor ear-splitting traffic.

There is nothing to see but water—plenty of it. But for a person cursed with a too-vivid imagination, or one of neurasthenic tendencies, tending the light at this dangerous shoal would be in the nature of a nightmare, particularly when the waters of the bay kicked up during a severe blow, which it frequently does.

Captain Steinhise, however, is not afflicted with a supersensitive nervous system. He is a sturdy specimen of a sea-dog—built like a square-rigged ship, carrying 200 pounds of bone and brawn. His face is tanned to the color of fine russet leather; around his eyes are networks of tiny sun wrinkles, the heritage of all men who spend most of their lives outdoors. And when one meets his level gaze, one instinctively feels that here indeed is a man to whom fear is absolutely foreign.

Captain Steinhise, but for the exception of a brief half-dozen years when he plied the trade of blacksmith in a Southern Maryland community, has been a deep-water man all his life. A native of the Eastern Shor' of Maryland, he could box the compass before he could write his own name. For years he sailed with the fishing fleet before he accepted the post of keeper of Seven-Foot-Knoll Light, in 1919. He is fifty-seven years old, and expects to "tend light" until the Government retires him at the age of sixty-five. Then he will retire to his three-story brick-row house in Baltimore with his six sons and four daughters.

Seven-Foot-Knoll Lighthouse is built upon nine stout steel poles. The floor of the beacon is about ten feet from the surface of the water at high tide. The light itself is a common oil lamp, similar to those in use in households a half century ago. Surrounding the oil lamp is a glass cylinder, about six inches thick, which magnifies the beam. A reflector projects the beam in all directions, and the light is visible to ships traversing the channel for a distance of eighteen miles, warning mariners of the treacherous shoals.

Inhabitants of the Atlantic coast, from Cape Cod to Cape Hatteras, will not forget in a hurry those three thrilling days in August, 1933, when the ninety-mile-an-hour hurricane swept the seaboard, causing millions of dollars' loss in property and lives. The storm began late Sunday night, August 20. By Monday night the wind had increased to a velocity of fifty miles an hour, and the tide was rising rapidly.

Captain Steinhise and his son trimmed the light for the night and prepared to weather the storm, which hourly grew more intense. About 11 o'clock the captain knocked the ashes from his pipe and rumbled:

"Better get some sleep, son. I'll keep watch."

Earl, accordingly, went to his bunk, and soon fell asleep, oblivious to the devilish shriek of the hurricane and the thunderous pounding of the sea on the pilings.

"I don't know how long I had been asleep," Earl related, "but I awoke with a start. It seemed that someone —or some THING—had laid a cold, clammy hand on my bare arm, which lay outside the covers. I can never tell you how startled I was. Imagine how surprised you would be if someone laid a dead fish on your arm when you were sound asleep. Then you would know how I felt.

"I didn't see anything—it was pitch dark. But I could feel there was something wrong — something uncanny—ghostly! Outside, the hurricane, which had grown in force since I went to sleep, was a howling gale. The lighthouse shivered and shook as the big combers crashed against the pilings. It was terrifying, I can tell you!"

Earl sat up in his bunk and listened. Was that a whistle feebly sounding above the howling wind? He strained his ears—every nerve taut, every muscle tense. Again that faint, hoarse blast—one, two, three, four distant shrieks in rapid succession.

"A distress signal!" shouted the young man, leaping for his oilskins and sou'wester. Opening the door which led to the tiny deck which runs around the lighthouse, Earl beheld a shadowy form clinging to the rail, peering into the blackness.

"What's up?" asked Earl breathlessly, as he recognized his father.

"There's a steamer of some kind in distress out there," Captain Steinhise roared above the wind. "She's tootin' her whistle—giving the distress signal —four sharp blasts. Hear 'em?"

"What are you going to do about it?" the son asked. The older man turned sharply and faced the youth.

"Do?" he shouted. "Why, I'm going out there and get those poor devils out of the mess they're in."

"But," expostulated the young man, "you'll never make it in this sea. That dinky boat we've got won't weather a blow like this. You'll never make it."

Captain Steinhise, without another word turned and lowered himself through the trapdoor in the floor of the lighthouse into the frail motor dory.

"I'll go with you, Pop?" shouted the youth. "You can't make it alone."

"No, son, you gotta stay here with the light. That's an order. I'm captain here."

According to the young man, the waves were about fifteen feet high at this time, and the tide was running like a millrace. The little boat bobbed crazily like a cork, threatening to dash itself to splinters against the pilings and carry the doughty captain to his death. Earl clung to the iron ladder which descended from the floor of the lighthouse and held a flashlight torch while his father was trying to get the boat under control.

The launch, which is used by the lighthouse crew for conveyance to and from the shore to their post, is equipped with a one-cylinder marine engine. Captain Steinhise tried again and again to start the engine, but his efforts were fruitless. A giant wave splashed its spray into the open boat, putting the engine out of commission.

"Pop, turn back! You can't make it!" shouted the youth, fearing for his father's safety.

Suddenly the boat shot from the young man's view, carried outward by the wind and tide—fortunately in the direction of the crippled vessel. As Captain Steinhise tells it, he never was closer to death in all the years he had followed the sea than he was at that moment.

With his engine "dead," the tide was swiftly carrying his frail craft out into the terrifying darkness. A single long oar was the only means he had for controlling the boat, a very difficult task in such a sea.

All around him, in the Stygian blackness, he could hear the agonized voices of the helpless sailors, struggling for life in the frothing water, and the heroic captain strained every muscle desperately to control his little craft sufficiently to reach the drowning men.

Looming up in the dark his eyes, stinging with salt spray, soon made out the distressed craft. It was the tug, Point Breeze, out of Baltimore that afternoon on a voyage to Gibson's Island to tow back a scow filled with mud from a dredging operation. Buffeted by the hurricane, the tug had foundered on the dangerous Seven-Foot-Knoll shoals, about 100 yards from the lighthouse, and in thirteen feet of water. It was listing badly to port.

As Captain Steinhise's boat was swept toward the damaged vessel, only the superstructure was visible. Clinging to the pilot house he could dimly discern several figures, clutching to the iron stanchions for their lives.

Realizing the tug and its occupants were in no immediate danger, Steinhise devoted his efforts to picking up the men he had seen struggling in the water and whose heart-rending appeals for aid he had heard. One by one, guided only by the shouts of the sailors, he maneuvered his boat until he had picked up four men. Deciding to make another attempt to start the engine, he "turned it over" and—glory be!—there was a faint sput-sput! Another try, and the motor started.

Putting about for the lighthouse, he was about to attempt the dangerous return trip with the four rescued men when alongside the boat appeared the dead white face of a corpse, supported by a nearly exhausted swimmer.

The dead man was Percy Harrison, chief engineer of the ill-fated Point Breeze. He and five other members of the crew of fourteen sailors had leaped from the tug when she struck the shoal. They were afraid the vessel would sink completely and they would be sucked down to certain death.

J. Frank Stevens, a deckhand, after swimming about for some minutes, came upon the body of Harrison. Hoping there was a spark of life left, Stevens towed the body to the lighthouse tender's already overloaded boat.

Steinhise's fight to reach the lighthouse was even more heart-breaking than his efforts to pick up the drowning men, despite the fact that his engine had started. The tide and wind were both against him. And so it was nearly an hour before the little craft, greatly overloaded with its human cargo, at last reached the lighthouse and safety.

The rescued sailors were exhausted. They lay panting on the narrow deck, while Earl Steinhise dug up blankets and poured hot coffee down their throats. Captain Steinhise refused to rest.

"I've got to get those men off that tug," he said, with determination. However, just as he was about to try to reach the foundered vessel once more, the tug Sarah hove in sight and took off the remaining eight sailors, steaming up the channel to Baltimore. Later the Sarah returned and carried the men Captain Steinhise had rescued to the Maryland port.

It was more than two years later that Captain Steinhise was ordered to appear at the Baltimore headquarters of the United States Lighthouse Service.

When Captain Steinhise entered the Federal building, he was more puzzled than ever. Motion picture machines were grinding; photographers' flashlights were popping and a crowd of Commerce Department "big wigs" greeted him with wide smiles and outstretched hands.

"I don't understand all this," mumbled the old sea-dog. "What's it mean?"

"No trouble at all—it means that you're elected to receive the Commerce Department silver medal for exceptional heroism on the night of August 21, 1933," replied Mr. H. Almy, lighthouse engineer, at the Customs House.

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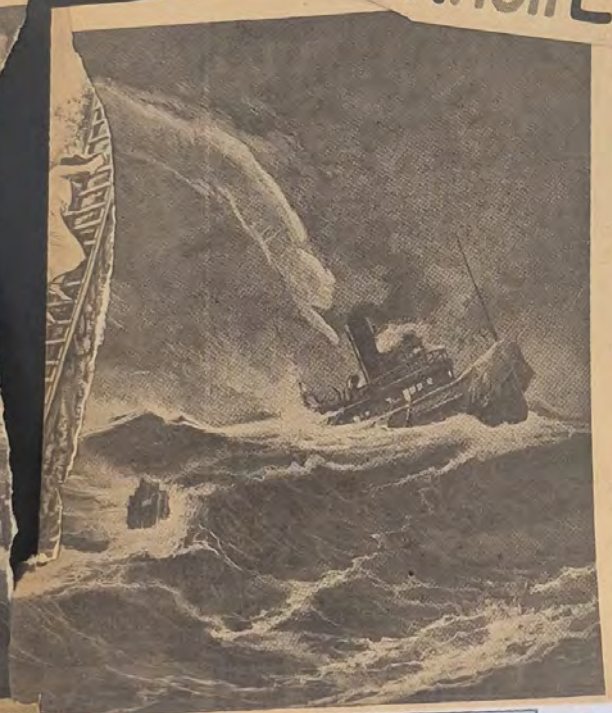
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Heroic Rescue by the Keeper of 82 Foot-Knoll Light

Daring Exploit in the Heavy Gale Which Drove a Ship Onto the Shoals and Earned a Medal of Honor for the Keeper of the Light Who Saved the Lives of the Crew

Keeper ... Tells of a Strange, Ghostly Clutch Which He Says Waked Him Out of His Sleep and Revealed the Peril of a Stranded Ship







Captain Thomas J. Steinhise, the Keeper of the Light, Who Risked His Life to Save the Crew of the Wrecked Tugboat, "Point Breeze."

It Was the Spirit of the Drowned Engineer of the Wrecked Tugboat "Point Breeze" That Waked the Light-Keeper's Assistant, Young Earl Steinhise Believes.



A Group of the Crew of the Tugboat "Point Breeze," Who Were Rescued After Their Vessel Struck on the Seven-Foot-Knoll Shoals.



Earl Steinhise, Assistant Light-Keeper and Son of Captain Steinhise, the Head Keeper.



Photograph of Seven-Foot-Knoll Lighthouse.

THE cold, clammy hand of the ghost of a drowned man waked the sleeping son of the keeper of the lighthouse of Seven-Foot-Knoll in the midst of the storm, Earl Steinhise, the assistant keeper, believes. And then, following what the young man feels sure was a ghostly warning, a heroic rescue of five sailors was made.

Seven-Foot-Knoll Light is a small beacon six miles from shore, and it was on that stormy night in August, two years ago, that Captain Thomas J. Steinhise, the keeper of the light, established a new record for heroism in the lighthouse service. The elder Steinhise, manning a twenty-one-foot open boat in a mountainous sea, succeeded in rescuing from the raging waters five sailors from a foundered tug, and the body of the drowned chief engineer.

And it was for this feat of heroism that Captain Steinhise was awarded a Government medal for unusual bravery, and received a citation from his chief, the Secretary of Commerce, the other day.

The job of tending the light at Seven-Foot Knoll is not the most enviable in the world. True, there is lots of quiet, for the lighthouse is planted in the Chesapeake Bay, six miles from the western shore and about thirty miles from Baltimore. There are no noisy neighbors with squawking radios, nor ear-splitting traffic.

There is nothing to see but water—plenty of it. But for a person cursed with a too-vivid imagination, or one of neurasthenic tendencies, tending the light at this dangerous shoal would be in the nature of a nightmare, particularly when the waters of the bay kicked up during a severe blow, which it frequently does.

Captain Steinhise, however, is not afflicted with a supersensitive nervous system. He is a sturdy specimen of a sea-dog—built like a square-rigged ship, carrying 200 pounds of bone and brawn. His face is tanned to the color of fine russet leather; around his eyes are networks of tiny sun wrinkles, the heritage of all men who spend most of their lives outdoors. And when one meets his level gaze, one instinctively feels that here indeed is a man to whom fear is absolutely foreign.

Captain Steinhise, but for the exception of a brief half-dozen years when he plied the trade of blacksmith in a Southern Maryland community, has been a deep-water man all his life. A native of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, he could box the compass before he could write his own name. For years he sailed with the fishing fleet before he accepted the post of keeper of Seven-Foot-Knoll Light, in 1919. He is fifty-seven years old, and expects to "tend light" until the Government retires him at the age of sixty-five. Then he will retire to his three-story brick-row house in Baltimore with his six sons and four daughters.

Seven-Foot-Knoll Lighthouse is built upon nine stout steel poles. The floor of the beacon is about ten feet from the surface of the water at high tide. The light itself is a common oil lamp, similar to those in use in households a half century ago. Surrounding the oil lamp is a glass cylinder, about six inches thick, which magnifies the beam. A reflector projects the beam in all directions, and the light is visible to ships traversing the channel for a distance of eighteen miles, warning mariners of the treacherous shoals.

Inhabitants of the Atlantic coast, from Cape Cod to Cape Hatteras, will not forget in a hurry those three thrilling days in August, 1933, when the ninety-mile-an-hour hurricane swept the seaboard, causing millions of dollars' loss in property and lives. The storm began late Sunday night, August 20. By Monday night the wind had increased to a velocity of fifty miles an hour, and the tide was rising rapidly.

Captain Steinhise and his son trimmed the light for the night and prepared to weather the storm, which hourly grew more intense. About 11 o'clock the captain knocked the ashes from his pipe and rumbled:

"Better get some sleep, son. I'll keep watch."

Earl, accordingly, went to his bunk, and soon fell asleep, oblivious to the devilish shriek of the hurricane and the thunderous pounding of the sea on the pilings.

"I don't know how long I had been asleep," Earl related, "but I awoke with a start. It seemed that someone —or some THING—had laid a cold, clammy hand on my bare arm, which lay outside the covers. I can never tell you how startled I was. Imagine how surprised you would be if someone laid a dead fish on your arm when you were sound asleep. Then you would know how I felt.

"I didn't see anything—it was pitch dark. But I could feel there was something wrong—something uncanny—ghostly! Outside, the hurricane, which had grown in force since I went to sleep, was a howling gale. The lighthouse shivered and shook as the big combers crashed against the pilings. It was terrifying, I can tell you!"

Earl sat up in his bunk and listened. Was that a whistle feebly sounding above the howling wind? He strained his ears—every nerve taut, every muscle tense. Again that faint, hoarse blast—one, two, three, four distant shrieks in rapid succession.

"A distress signal!" shouted the young man, leaping for his oilskins and sou'wester. Opening the door which led to the tiny deck which runs around the lighthouse, Earl beheld a shadowy form clinging to the rail, peering into the blackness.

"What's up?" asked Earl breathlessly, as he recognized his father.

"There's a steamer of some kind in distress out there," Captain Steinhise roared above the wind. "She's tootin' her whistle—giving the distress signal—four sharp blasts. Hear 'em?"

"What are you going to do about it?" the son asked. The older man turned sharply and faced the youth.

"Do?" he shouted. "Why, I'm going out there and get those poor devils out of the mess they're in."

"But," exclaimed the young man, "you'll never make it in this sea. That dinky boat we've got won't weather a blow like this. You'll never make it."

Captain Steinhise, without another word turned and lowered himself through the trapdoor in the floor of the lighthouse into the frail motor dory.

"I'll go with you, Pop?" shouted the youth. "You can't make it alone."

"No, son, you gotta stay here with the light. That's an order. I'm captain here."

According to the young man, the waves were about fifteen feet high at this time, and the tide was running like a millrace. The little boat bobbed crazily like a cork, threatening to dash itself to splinters against the pilings and carry the doughty captain to his death.

Earl clung to the iron ladder which descended from the floor of the lighthouse and held a flashlight torch while his father was trying to get the boat under control.

The launch, which is used by the lighthouse crew for conveyance to and from the shore to their post, is equipped with a one-cylinder marine engine. Captain Steinhise tried again and again to start the engine, but his efforts were fruitless. A giant wave splashed its spray into the open boat, putting the engine out of commission.

"Pop, turn back! You can't make it!" shouted the youth, fearing for his father's safety.

Suddenly the boat shot from the young man's view, carried outward by the wind and tide—fortunately in the direction of the crippled vessel. As Captain Steinhise tells it, he never was closer to death in all the years he had followed the sea than he was at that moment.

With his engine "dead," the tide was swiftly carrying his frail craft out into the terrifying darkness. A single long oar was the only means he had for controlling the boat, a very difficult task in such a sea.

All around him, in the Stygian blackness, he could hear the agonized voices of the helpless sailors, struggling for life in the frothing water, and the heroic captain strained every muscle desperately to control his little craft sufficiently to reach the drowning men.

Looming up in the dark his eyes, stinging with salt spray, soon made out the distressed craft. It was the tug, Point Breeze, out of Baltimore that afternoon on a voyage to Gibson's Island to tow back a scow filled with mud from a dredging operation. Buffeted by the hurricane, the tug had foundered on the dangerous Seven-Foot-Knoll shoals, about 100 yards from the lighthouse, and in thirteen feet of water. It was listing badly to port.

As Captain Steinhise's boat was swept toward the damaged vessel, only the superstructure was visible. Clinging to the pilot house he could dimly discern several figures, clutching to the iron stanchions for their lives.

Realizing the tug and its occupants were in no immediate danger, Steinhise devoted his efforts to picking up the men he had seen struggling in the water and whose heart-rending appeals for aid he had heard. One by one, guided only by the shouts of the sailors, he maneuvered his boat until he had picked up four men. Deciding to make another attempt to start the engine, he "turned it over" and—glory be!—there was a faint sput-sput! Another try, and the motor started.

Putting about for the lighthouse, he was about to attempt the dangerous return trip with the four rescued men when alongside the boat appeared the dead white face of a corpse, supported by a nearly exhausted swimmer.

The dead man was Percy Harrison, chief engineer of the ill-fated Point Breeze. He and five other members of the crew of fourteen sailors had leaped from the tug when she struck the shoal. They were afraid the vessel would sink completely and they would be sucked down to certain death.

J. Frank Stevens, a deckhand, after swimming about for some minutes, came upon the body of Harrison. Hoping there was a spark of life left, Stevens towed the body to the lighthouse tender's already overloaded boat.

Steinhise's fight to reach the lighthouse was even more heart-breaking than his efforts to pick up the drowning men, despite the fact that his engine had started. The tide and wind were both against him. And so it was nearly an hour before the little craft, greatly overloaded with its human cargo, at last reached the lighthouse and safety.

The rescued sailors were exhausted. They lay panting on the narrow deck, while Earl Steinhise dug up blankets and poured hot coffee down their throats. Captain Steinhise refused to rest.

"I've got to get those men off that tug," he said, with determination. However, just as he was about to try to reach the foundered vessel once more, the Big Sarah hove in sight and took off the remaining eight sailors, steaming up the channel to Baltimore. Later the Sarah returned and carried the men Captain Steinhise had rescued to the Maryland port.

It was more than two years later that Captain Steinhise was ordered to appear at the Baltimore headquarters of the United States Lighthouse Service.

When Captain Steinhise entered the Federal building, he was more puzzled than ever. Motion picture machines were grinding; photographers' flashlights were popping and a crowd of Commerce Department "big wigs" greeted him with wide smiles and outstretched hands.

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$50 a Day For [illegible] n The Tree-Top Jungle Hotel



Just in Case of a Savage Attack by Animals, There Is a Barbed Wire Entanglement Around the Veranda of the Curious Hostelry.



A Patron Entering the Tree-top Hotel, Glad to Pay $50 for the Thrill of Surveying the Primitive Region, Observing Wild Life, and Yet Remaining Perfectly Safe.



View of the Jungle Hotel in the Heart of Wild Africa. It Has Two Double Bed-Sitting Rooms, a Bathroom and Electric Lights.

ABOUT half-way down the west coast of Africa in Kenya Colony is one of the smallest, strangest and most expensive hotels in the world. It is deep in the jungle, perched in the top of a tree and a room—with bath adjoining—costs the traveler $50 a day.

It might seem that this steep tariff for sleeping in a shack far removed from the nearest civilized town should be cause for official action, that the British governor of Kenya Colony should find out who owns the place and how he dares ask such a rate for a small room that has to be reached by climbing a rough wooden ladder.

But the governor already knows all about the jungle hotel. In fact, he has recommended it to many people, and every one of them has come away satisfied that he has received more than his money's worth. The establishment has one attraction that goes big with people with steady nerves and a flair for the unusual—the wild beasts that wander about its front yard. The management does not guarantee lions, elephants, pythons and other denizens of the jungle, but no one who has spent a day at the hotel has been disappointed. The brutes invariably cooperate with the management, it seems, to see that the guest is satisfied. A rough roadway has been hacked through the rank jungle growth to within about a mile of the old hostelry. The guest is bundled into a motor car and is accompanied by a small safari of native bearers and an armed guard to assure safe arrival and return. All this is included in the $50-a-day charge.

Arrived at the hotel the guest, or guests, climb up the ladder shown in the photograph above, and the precarious stairway is pulled up behind them. High up among the branches of a big tree they find a surprisingly comfortable layout—two double rooms that are combination bed and sitting rooms, a bath of a sort and, of all things, electric light, generated by a small portable power plant. Narrow porches, running around the structure, afford an excellent view of the jungle over a wide radius.

A short distance from the hotel is a salt lick where wild animals of many kinds come to satisfy their natural craving for this element. With the aid of powerful binoculars it is possible for guests at the tree-top inn to watch the whole thrilling and primitive show.

Because no shooting is permitted from the arboreal inn, the beasts of the jungle sometimes venture right into its "front yard" to stare curiously at the intruders.

Now and again a stealthy jungle cat will pounce upon a gazelle or a zebra in plain sight of the occupants of the African road house, or a trumpeting herd of elephants will send the salt-eating animals scurrying for cover.

After the jungle darkness falls, with the suddenness of a gigantic curtain being dropped from the sky, there are no more sights to be seen. But the show goes on "with sound," as the movie men say. Only a person who has spent a night in the jungle can imagine the effect of these sounds on the ear and the imagination. The darkness seems to pulsate with a strange life of its own and some of the noises that come out of it make the listener's heart beat faster.

Most of the time the jungle hotel is full and there's a waiting list for its expensive accommodations.

Protection for the Deaf Kitty

LONDON.

MOTORISTS driving through one of the suburbs of the British capital occasionally slow down, or stop, when they see, crossing the road, a snow-white cat with a blanket fastened to its back. As the photograph below shows, this is no ordinary blanket intended to keep the tabby warm. On each side of the blanket is the word "DEAF" in large and easily-read letters. It would be a careless and cold-blodded driver, indeed, who would run down this pet.

The cat belongs to a woman who, some years ago, had a valuable cat killed before her eyes. The cat had chased a falling leaf into the street and was crushed by the wheels of a truck. In this case the driver of the machine was not charged with negligence and disregard for life and limb, and the owner of the cat frankly admitted that her pet was entirely to blame.

About a year ago the same woman came into possession of a white cat which, like many members of its particular breed, is deaf. Several times the cat, denied the protection of hearing, was nearly killed by traffic and by dogs. So its owner conceived the idea of making a light-weight blanket for the animal which will inform the world that it is afflicted with deafness.

Of course the sign doesn't mean a thing to the dogs of the neighborhood and the cat sometimes has to get a flying start and travel fast for the nearest tree to save itself from a bad shaking up, or worse.

This picture, which was published in many British newspapers and magazines, inspired a lot of those letters to the editor. Some people, with no affection for domesticated felines, thought the idea was silly and were frank to say that people who own deaf cats should keep them in the house where no harm can befall them. Others, with warm spots in their hearts for tabbies and other pets, commended the London woman for her imagination and humaneness and thought that it would be a good idea to mark all deaf and blind cats and dogs "in this manner to make life safer and pleasanter for them.



The White Cat, of a Species in Which Deafness Is Common, Wearing Its Sign as a Warning to London Motorists to Be Careful and Not Run Down the Animal.



The Devil Tattoo Which Sutherland MacDonald Worked on the Back of a Planter, Whose Life Was Saved by It When He Was Captured by a Savage Tribe.

Tattoo Monarch's Masterpiece

THE brawny arms of hundreds of British tars and tommies indelibly attest to the skill and imagination of 74-year-old Sutherland MacDonald, England's master at the art of tattooing, who still decorates the epidermis of patrons in his little shop on Jermyn Street, London.

In his time Mr. MacDonald has tattooed kings, princes and rajahs, but his masterpiece—shown in the photograph above—was pricked on the back of a South African planter by the name of Watson. This was, as the artist humorously put it, "a devil of a job that required a fortnight of exacting work." But the time and effort were well worthwhile, because, on one occasion, the demon saved Watson from being put to death by torture by warriors of the Matabele tribe.

Whether the planter had the devil put on his back against some such emergency is not a matter of record, but it is known that the superstitious savages were greatly impressed by the picture, and believed their captive, when he warned them that if any harm befell him at their hands the demon would fly off his back and make all kinds of trouble for them.

More than one tattooing expert has expressed the opinion that the winged and horned portrait is the finest bit of tattooing ever done by anyone anywhere. Every feather in the wings is done with infinite pains, and the serpentine texture of the tail could not be finer if it were done on some much smoother material than human skin.

Had Watson chosen he could have earned a handsome living by traveling about the world exhibiting the handiwork of Mr. MacDonald. But he was not at all interested in making a public spectacle of himself.

The figure was done in half a dozen colors, with red and blue predominating. It was so cleverly etched that the satanic character seemed to stand out like a colored bas-relief. When Watson moved the muscles of his back the effect was startling, for then the devil appeared to come to life.

Mr. MacDonald still does remarkable work, but he admits that he never will be able to surpass the Watson picture.

The Champ Sweet Potato?

IT may be that Mother Nature has, at times, produced sweet potatoes bigger than the one shown in the photograph below. If so, there seem to be no official records to prove that this vegetable dug from the fertile soil of California's San Gabriel Valley, is not the champ.

The farmer who uprooted this potato from his garden could hardly believe his eyes when he unearthed the giant. He had been attending agricultural fairs for years and had raised some big potatoes himself, but never had he seen the likes of this member of the vegetable family known to botanists as "Ipomoea batatas." Carrying the monster in both hands, he hurried back to his farm and put it on the scales. The potato weighed even more than he thought it would: 14 pounds and 3 ounces, and measured almost a foot in diameter. In circumference it was more than three feet.

The sweet potato, like the so-called and misnamed Irish potato—which probably had its origin in South America—is a tuberous root and an important crop in the Southern United States and in the countries of Central and South America. It is, as its name implies, rich in sugar and in starch. Usually the root is rather long and lumpy and it isn't often that the potatoes grow as nearly round as the one below.

The farmer who had the good fortune to grow this grand-daddy of sweet potatoes was anxious to find out whether anyone ever had even seen or heard of a bigger one. He talked with other farmers and made inquiries at various departments of agriculture and agricultural colleges. He was told of "records" of unusual bulk and weight that reached 10 pounds and of others that grew into freakish shapes. But nowhere did he come across a record of a potato that surpassed the one dug from his own acres.

The huge spud, freak of nature or not, is proudly pointed out by dwellers in the San Gabriel Valley as evidence of that section's exceptional fertility.





Miss Gwen Steel Displaying the Huge Sweet Potato Grown in California. It Weighs 14 Pounds, Three Ounces, and Is 11 Inches Wide.

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I hereby acknowledge receipt of a silver life saving medal awarded me by the Treasury Department in recognition of my service in rescuing several men from drowning on August 21, 1933, in the vicinity of my light station.

(Signed) Thomas J. Steinhise
Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station
January 3, 1936.

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am pleased to transmit a receipt from Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland, for a silver life saving medal awarded him by your department in recognition of his action in rescuing several men from drowning on August 21, 1935, which was transmitted to this department by your letter of December 10, 1935.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL C. ROPER

Secretary of Commerce.

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The recognition by your department of this act of heroism on the part of this employee of the Lighthouse Service is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL C. ROPER

Secretary of Commerce

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C. Encl.

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For
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Washington Star
Jan. 5, '36

Light Keeper, Who Saved 14, Given Congress Heroism Medal

Stormy Night Off Sevenfoot Knoll in 1933 Recalled by Ceremony at Baltimore for Thomas J. Steinhise.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

BALTIMORE, Md., January 4.—Memories of a night during the height of the August storm of 1933, which laid waste long stretches of the Atlantic Coast, were recalled with the presentation to Thomas J. Steinhise, 57-year-old keeper of the lighthouse at Seven-Foot Knoll, of the Congressional Medal for heroism.

That night Mr. Steinhise launched a 21-foot power boat and made his way through mountainous seas to a foundered tugboat to haul six members of the crew out of the water and to take off the other eight from the boat's superstructure.

Answers Distress Call.

"I was up looking at the light," Mr. Steinhise said today in telling of the rescue, "when I saw a light out on the water. I listened and heard a distress signal—four horn blasts in a row.

"My son Earl was substituting for my assistant and he was asleep below. I roused him and had him help me get the launch into the water."

In spite of his son's forecast that he wouldn't get halfway to the sunken tug, the Point Breeze, they lowered the boat and the waves broke over the top of it, putting out the fire in the small stove in the boat's cabin.

Leaving his son behind to watch the light, he headed out into the darkness, and finally spotted it—the vessel.

"Voices seemed to come from all around," he said. "I picked up one man out of the water, and then five more. One of them later died from exposure.

Tug Reached in Time.

"Then I got to the tug and took off the rest of the crew and went back to the light."

The story was told as simply as that, but it lost no glory in the telling of it by the rescued men, and their accounts resulted in the Congressional Medal. It was presented to Mr. Steinhise by Capt. H. Almy, lighthouse engineer, at the customs house yesterday and was accompanied by a letter of citation from Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce.

Mr. Steinhise is still employed in the lighthouse service and has just rounded out his sixteenth year at the Seven-Foot Knoll light.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

December 10, 1935.

Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise,

Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland,

U. S. Lighthouse Service, Department of Commerce.

Sir:

There is transmitted to you today, under separate cover, a silver life saving medal awarded to you by this Department under Acts of Congress in recognition of signal exertions made by you in rescuing several men from drowning on August 21, 1933.

It affords the Department great pleasure to have this opportunity of commending the service rendered by you on the occasion mentioned.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Stephen B. Gibbons
Assistant Secretary.

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I will thank you to cause the medal and letter to be delivered to Keeper Steinhise and transmit his receipt for the medal to this Department.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Stephen B. Gibbons
Assistant Secretary.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
December 24, 1935.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Norfolk, Va., for information. The Bureau has turned over the medal to Associate Engineer R. L. Hankinson for delivery to Keeper Steinhise in connection with other duties Mr. Hankinson is engaged upon in the vicinity of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station.

For the Commissioner:

W.P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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July 12, 1934.

The Honorable,
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have to inclose herewith a letter dated August 22, 1933, and a supplemental letter dated June 5, 1934, from the office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Maryland, regarding the assistance rendered by Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland, at 12:30 A. M. on August 21, 1933, when the tug boat POINT BREEZE went down with fourteen men in the immediate vicinity of the lighthouse. There is also inclosed the following supporting papers:

Copy of a letter dated August 21 from Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise.
Letter dated September 1, 1933, from C. H. Spedden, owner of the tug POINT BREEZE.
Joint affidavit of James F. Stevens, Henry P. Kraske, and Archie C. Marshall, and also affidavit of Theodore J. Malinowski.
Affidavit of Ralph A. Kirchner, Master of the tug POINT BREEZE, certifying to the credibility of the affiants.
Copy of Department commendation to Mr. Steinhise.

This matter is submitted in accordance with Treasury Department circular No. 46 of the year 1900 with recommendation that Mr. Steinhise be given such recognition for heroic action as may be deemed appropriate under the terms of the law.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN DICKINSON

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 20 1933
BALTIMORE, MD.

Sept 15th 1933

Dear Sir

I would like to express my admiration and appreciation through your office to the keeper mr Steinhise of the seven foot Knoll in reseuing me at midnight on August 20th it took both courage and semanship on his part to accomplish such a feat

I remain
your Respectfully
Joseph R Blades

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

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7/12/34 wrote Treasury
copy to Supt
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June 5, 1934.

If Lord is OK
prepare publication
to Treas Dept
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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Application for Award of Life-Saving Medal - Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Md.

1. Pursuant to previous correspondence, with particular reference to Bureau letter of May 3rd, this office has succeeded in obtaining affidavit from the Master of the Tugboat "Point Breeze" certifying to the credibility of the persons rescued by Keeper T.J. Steinhise. It is believed that this affidavit, together with those previously obtained and herewith attached, will constitute sufficient basis for application for gold life-saving medal for Keeper Steinhise.

L. M. HOPKINS
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

May 3, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

In reference to your indorsement of April 28, on Bureau reminder of April 14 in regard to your endeavor to obtain affidavits in connection with the awarding of a life saving medal to Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise:

The Bureau will not follow up this case further unless brought up by others and will leave the matter of further action to your discretion.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 17 1934
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Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

Subject: furnishing affidavits in connection with awarding of life saving medal to Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper

Bureau (indorsement) dated November 14, 1933

Your (letter) dated November 7, 1933 and indorsement on Bureau reminder dated February 19, 1934.

No report has been received from your office on the above subject. Submit report or advise when same may be expected.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant
~~Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses~~

AHL. Office of Superintendent, Fifth District,
Baltimore, Maryland. April 28, 1934.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with the statement that we have made numerous efforts to have the proper official make the necessary affidavit. A representative of this office has made several personal visits to the office of the Curtis Bay Towing Company for that purpose and received assurances that the matter would be given prompt attention, which, to date, have not materialized. While the official is apparently interested in having Keeper Steinhise's act given full recognition, he evidently is not sufficiently interested to take the proper steps to complete the matter.

2. This office will make further effort to have the matter consummated at an early date.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

T. S. Johnson
Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

To be prepared in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses whether letter, indorsement, etc.

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February 9, 1934

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Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

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For the Commissioner:

C. J. Ludwig, Jr.
Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses.

AHL.

Office of Superintendent, Fifth District,
Baltimore, Maryland. February 19, 1934.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with the statement that this office has made repeated efforts to have the proper official make affidavit as to the credibility of the men rescued by our Keeper T.J. Stenhise. As soon as this is accomplished, all papers will be submitted to the Bureau.

L. M. Hopkins
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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2/9/34 Reminded

SUBJECT: 5th's letter Nov.7,1933, commendation and award of life saving medal to Thomas J. Steinhise

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RG-EK Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C., November 14,1933

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., with request that the last paragraph of Treasury Department circular of instructions in this matter to the effect that the affidavits should "be accompanied by a certificate showing the affiants to be credible persons, certified by some United States officer of the district in which the affiants reside", &c., becomplied with. All your inclosures are returned in case you need them in this connection.

For the Commissioner:

Administrative Assistant

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

November 7, 1933.

11/14/33 2nd to 5th.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Commendation.

1. With further reference to Bureau endorsement of August 29th on our letter of August 22nd, relative to our recommendation that Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, be awarded a life saving medal for his services in rescuing and succoring six drowning persons, for which he was commended by the Secretary of Commerce on August 29th, this office submits the following evidence:

Letter of September 1, 1933, from C. H. Spedden, President of the Curtis Bay Towing Company, owner of the Tug "POINT BREEZE"; Joint affidavit of James F. Stevens, Henry F. Kraske and Archie C. Marshall and affidavit of Theodore J. Malinowski, four of the five men rescued;
Letter from Joseph R. Blades, dated September 15, 1933, the fifth man rescued. It appears that Mr. Blades refused to make affidavit under a misapprehension of its import, having considered that his personal letter was sufficient.

(Spedden)

The instructions of the Board of Trade in this matter are a "certificate" was not followed, but it appears that Spedden's letter might be considered to cover that point. Letter to Trade for Sept. regarding in previous cases R/11/3

L. M. HOPKINS
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

August 29, 1933.

Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Lightstation, Md.,
(Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses)

Dear Mr. Steinhise:

I have been very much impressed in reading a report relative to your action at 12:30 o'clock on the morning of August 21st in rescuing five men from the water when they went down with the tug boat, Point Breeze, in the vicinity of your station. I note that conditions were extremely hazardous and that when you set out in your launch to go to the men the seas were breaking over your boat and that the men were calling to you from all directions.

It gives me sincere pleasure to commend you in the warmest terms for your heroic action under these hazardous conditions, and to have the matter made a part of your official history.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL C. ROPER
Secretary of Commerce.

RG:MBS

Copy to 5th Superintendent.
Copy to Appointment Division.
Copy to Mr. Smith.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

Commended
8/29/33
by Secretary.

August 22, 1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Commendation.

1. There is enclosed report from Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, Md., giving an account of assistance rendered on August 21, 1933, at 12:30 A.M., when the Tug Boat "POINT BREEZE" went down with fourteen men in the vicinity of the Light Station.

2. In accordance with Art. 462, Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, it is recommended that Thomas J. Steinhise be commended by the Secretary of Commerce as an especially meritorious case of services performed under hazardous conditions.

3. It is further recommended that in accordance with Art. 463, Regulations of this Service, Thomas J. Steinhise be awarded a life saving medal for his signal services in rescuing and succoring six drowning persons.

L. M. HOPKINS

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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RG:MMS Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., August 29, 1933

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md. together with a copy of Treasury Department Circular No. 46 and with request that your office obtain the necessary evidence required as described in the last two paragraphs of the circular. The Bureau has prepared a letter of commendation for the signature of the Secretary and a copy will be duly furnished your office.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

Inclosure

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

August 23, 1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

8/22/33

THE EVENING SUN, BALTIM

Drowning Of Seaman Is Called Accidental

Coroner Decides After Hearing Testimony Regarding Sinking Of Tug In Storm

After hearing testimony in the case of Percy Harrison, chief engineer on the tugboat Point Breeze, which sank early Monday off Seven-Foot Knoll, a coroner's jury at the Eastern Police Station last night found Mr. Harrison's death to have been an unavoidable accident. The engineer drowned after he and most of the other members of the crew jumped overboard.

Five members of the crew and Harrison's body were picked up by a lighthouse keeper in a tender. Officers on the tug and other members of the crew were rescued by another tug.

Capt. Ralph Kirchner, master of the Point Breeze, testified that the boat began to list shortly after it passed Sparrows Point and that the list increased until the tug sank. Members of the crew said a sea of between five and six feet was running.

The Sun, Baltimore 8/22/33
* Seven-Foot Knoll

with which their tug went to the bottom, so quickly that they barely had time to grab anything that would keep them afloat.

Engine Balks

And they told of the fight which their volunteer life-saver, Thomas J. Stinheise, made against the high seas which washed the lighthouse, and against a balky engine which made his motor tender a toy of the wind and the water.

The tug went down about 500 yards from the lighthouse, they said. Stinheise saw their plight and boarded his motor tender, swung on davits from the light. He lowered the tender, the small craft swinging dangerously as the seas struck it. When she floated he discovered that the engine wouldn't run.

Swept Away From Light

A wave struck the craft and swept her away from the light, fortunately in the direction of the men who were clinging to rafts, life rings and belts in the water. With the wind and the rudder, Stinheise managed to maneuver his boat over to the drifting crew. He pulled them aboard.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

August 23, 1933.

Noted - Keeper recommended by Capt. Bell
8/25

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

8/22/33

THE EVENING SUN, BALTIM

RISKED LIFE TO SAVE SUNKEN TUG'S CREW

Lighthouse Keeper Put Out In Boat Without Power, Five He Rescued Say

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Obtains Lighthouse For Bowley's Bar

Representative Cole's Efforts Follow Plaints Of Small Boat Owners On Middle River

[From a Staff Correspondent]

Washington, Aug. 22—Through the efforts of Representative William P. Cole, the Commissioner of Lighthouses today agreed to install a light at Bowley's Bar at the entrance to Middle River, near Baltimore.

Complaints have been made to Mr. Cole by owners of small vessels that owing to the absence of a light at this bar it was difficult for small boats to enter Middle River with safety.

The Commissioner assured Mr. Cole the light would be installed immediately and would be known as Bowley's Bar light.

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BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FIFTH DISTRICT

1933 AUG 23 AM 8:53

Seven-Foot Knoll
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

August 21st., 1933

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir:

About 12.30 a.m. this morning, the Tug Boat Point Breeze went down near this Light Station with Fourteen People on board. I went out to save what I could. The men was scattered in all directions, and it was difficulty who to save first as most of them was calling me to come to them. At first I had trouble with engine as it was rough and sea breaking over boat. One man was dead when I pull him in the boat. I work on him but to no avail as others was calling for help then. Another tug came and I had six, including the dead man, and taken them to the Lighthouse as some of them was weak from being in the water and then the wind was blowing on them they were chilled.

This is all true to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully,

/SGD./ THOMAS J. STEINHISE,

Keeper

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 5th DISTRICT,

November 26, 1930 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about December 15, 1930.

Name, Thomas J. Steinhise Position, Keeper

From Upper Cedar Point Light Station To Seven Foot Knoll Light Station

Salary and range, Salary and range, pay $1560 (1560-1920)

Previous incumbent and pay, Otho Bounds - (LT. #1241)

Services terminated, December 14, 1930 Reason, Transferred to Love Pt. HH

(Sgd.) L M. Hopkins

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

December 26, , 1930

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with December 16, 1930.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

T. S. JOHNSON

Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1931

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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FIFTH DISTRICT

LIGHTHOUSES
1930 MAY 16 AM 9:34

Upper Cedar Point
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 27, 1930

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Subject: Assistance to Mariner.

April 12, around 8:30 P.M. a Launch went aground on a Bar near this station with woman and children on board. The Captain admitting his Incompetent as it was his first trip out as Captain, lost his way. His wife, as I was told, was very nervous and for a while was hysterical, but was content after I got to them. I had plenty of difficulty before getting them off the stone pile as there is lots of stone on that Bar. The name of the Boat was Verdoma of D.C. and Captains name was Mommie, the name and number of the Boat I lost overboard and I only remember his first name.

Hoping this is satisfactory, I beg to remain

Respectfully,

/sgd./ T. J. STEINHISE,
Keeper

Upper Cedar Point Light Station.

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BALTIMORE, MD.

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T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Upper Cedar Point Light Station,
Mathias Point, Va.

List of Saving Life Prop. Recs.

Subject: Assistance rendered.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 27, 1930, advising of assistance rendered to the Captain and his family of the VERDOMA of D.C., when that vessel went aground on a bar near your station, and your action is approved.

L. M. Hopkins

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C., together with copy of letter above referred to.

Rep'd in Bulletin
June 1, 1930

Form 84

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT.

Baltimore, Md., December 21, 1928

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (letter and nominations from this office dated December 1, 1928 on the subject of Demotion and promotion of Thomas H. Barnes and Thomas J. Steinhise respectively.

H. D. King

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Incls.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
December 26, 1928.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., with notices of change in salary in the above cases inclosed.

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Commissioner

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses character of the communication, that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

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

RG EJD

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES BALTIMORE, MD. DEC 18 1928

December 12, 1928.

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Dep. Commr.
Commissioner

Mr. G. W. McCord,
Senate Hotel,
101 D Street, NE.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

1. This office is pleased to acknowledge your letter of December 5 relative to assistance rendered you by Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper of Cobb Point Bar Light Station, on a Sunday in September when your cruiser ran aground near the light station:

2. This office is always pleased to have knowledge of instances of this character where employees of the Lighthouse Service are able to render assistance.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG EJD
Incl.

December 12, 1928.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Maryland for report and return, with recommendation ~~for the~~ to commending of this employee. The letter from Mr. G. W. McCord concerning the assistance rendered is inclosed.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Supt.
Asst. Supt.
Chief Clk.
Assoc. Engr. (1)
Assoc. Engr. (2)
Asst. Engr.
1 Drafts
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December 13, 1928

1. Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, inviting attention to letter of commendation addressed to Mr. Steinhise on November 17, 1928, covering this same incident, which appears to have been previously reported to the Bureau by Congressman A. M. Free.

H. D. King

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Dec 14

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SENATE HOTEL

G. W. McCORD, PROPRIETOR
101 D STREET NORTHEAST
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Commissioner

Dec. 5, 1928

Supt. Light-Houses for Maryland.
Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C.

Received to 5 pm for reply
RFM

Dear Sir: One Sunday, about the middle of Sept., 1928, during a low tide I run aground with my 45-foot cruiser, the Vemo. There was quite a stiff breeze from the northeast, blowing us toward Cobb Island. Mr. Steinkist, who was employed at the Cobb Island light came out in his boat and very courteously and efficiently assisted me in getting the Vemo off. I appreciate very much the help rendered by Mr. Steinkist.

Cordially

G. W. McCord
Senate Hotel
Washington, D.C.

Thos. Steinkiste
Cobb pt Bar
md

Form 73

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LIGHTHOUSES
1928 DEC 3 AM 9 35

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT,

Baltimore, Md., (City) December 1, (Date) 1928

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Thomas J. Steinhise

Position, Keeper

Location, Upper Cedar Point L.H., Md.

Effective, January 1, 1929

Former position, Asst. Keeper

Location, Cobb Point Bar L.H., Md.

Legal residence, Maryland

Proposed salary, $1560. p.a.

Proposed range, $1560-1860

Appropriation, Sal. Kprs. of L.H.

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

Former salary, $1380. p.a.

Former range, $1380-1680

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

Previous incumbent, Thomas H. Barnes

Services terminated, December 31, 1928

Reason, Demoted to assistant keeper

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, September 29, 1878

Remarks:

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

H. O. King

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1928.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention in this connection is invited to the Superintendent's letter of December 1 attached to the nomination in the case of Thomas H. Barnes, submitted under today's date.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

Percentage of working time	
50%	---of my time is used standing watch. Details: Looking after the light, watching for storms, snow and fogs and running fog signal when required.
25%	---of my time is used in - Details: Chipping iron and painting same. Washing outside woodwork and painting the same. Washing boats and painting them and keeping gas engine in order, etc.
25%	---of my time is used in washing windows and storm panes, floors and steps, polishing brass, polishing stoves, going for mail and provisions, gasoline. Giving information to those who ask for it. Very often it is the case at this station. Look after Kettle Bottom Lower Gas Buoy. Help rangers from Dahlgren to land and depart from station, etc.

24. I hereby certify that the foregoing was composed by me after reading P. C. B. Form No. 15, and that it is a true statement of my duties.

Thomas J. Steinhise
(Signature of Employee)

25. TO THE PREPARING OFFICER: Write your own description of the employee's work. If in describing the work of the position you would cover the same subject matter and use the same language and expressions, indicate your concurrence in the employee's statement and utilize the rest of the space below by giving further and broader information regarding the position, such as the kind and degree of responsibility involved, the ultimate purpose of the work, its place in your organization, its working conditions, etc. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet. See instructions in Form No. 16.

The duties of this employee are to share the watches with principal keeper in care of light and fog-signal and the labor of keeping same in state of perfect cleanliness and efficiency and in cleaning, painting, and minor repairs of the entire station, which is a 2-story frame house on interbraced iron piles on a submarine foundation surmounted by a glazed lantern in which is mounted a fresnel lens for display of light, which may be either a kerosene wick lamp or incandescent oil vapor light. The fog-signal is a bell operated by clockwork machinery. Communication with shore is by motor launch. Each of two keepers is allowed 8 days ashore per month and during absence of principal keeper the assistant is in full charge of station.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Dec. 1, 1926

27. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made by me on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete.

Sept 21, 1928 (Date) — H. D. King (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Supt. of Lighthouses. (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1440 to $ 1740

Sept 21, 1928 (Date) — H. D. King (Signature of head of field office or station) — Supt. of Lighthouses. (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1380 to $ 1680

SEP 25 1928 (Date) — H. B. BOWERMAN (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

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PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. [redacted] FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and 16)

Bureau No. [redacted] *Sheet No.* 5[illegible]- 34

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Steinhise (Surname) Thomas (Given name) J. (Initial)

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Cobb Point Bar Light Station
(b) Subdivision
(c) City or town State

6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title 1st Assistant Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1380-1620
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1380.
10. Deduction for allowances $ None
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1380.

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:
☐ House ☒ Room { ☐ Furnished ☒ Unfurnished } ☐ Heat ☒ Fuel ☒ Light ☐ Uniform ☐ Laundry ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind
Meals per day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost
Uniform aprox. $15.00

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From [redacted] m. to m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer 66 Winter 66 (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day ; number of days per { week / month / year }
(d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty Subject to call at all times.

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime None (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? No (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering)
(c) How many?

18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
By Principal Keeper with whom he works side by side or watch and watch. He is instructed by example and supervised by direct personal contact with the Principal Keeper and by periodic inspections of station by District Supt. or his representative.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? E. J. Cropper, Keeper, 5[illegible]

21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

Elementary								High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	(Kind)

Other education (describe):

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?

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Compared & certified
By the Steinhise
Thomas J. Steinhise

RLC:EMC
1 incl.

November 17, 1928.

Thomas J. Steinhise, Assistant Keeper,
Cobb Point Bar Light Station, Md.,
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.)

1. The Bureau has read with interest a report of assistance rendered by you recently to the boat "Demo", which went aground near the light station with a number of passengers aboard, and is pleased to commend you for your timely assistance on this occasion, which will be noted as a part of your official record.

2. There is inclosed for your information copy of a letter of October 30, addressed to this office by Representative A. M. Free, regarding the matter.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dec 1928

Copy to 5th Supt.

Exact copy as signed by _____

Mailed _____ by _____

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

11/17/28 a 1928 NOV 9 AM 8:56 Rec'd in dept of 5th November 8, 1928

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Bureau commendation.

1. It is recommended that Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, Assistant Keeper, Cobb Point Bar Light Station, Md., be commended by the Bureau for services rendered to the boat "DEMO" carrying passengers, which went aground near the light station.

2. Congressman Free's report of this rescue is returned herewith.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Item in Bulletin Dec 1928

Recmd Commend HM Nov 9

OK- also send copy of Rep. Free's ltr. for the keeper

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Commissioner

GRP:AB

November 3, 1928.

Hon. A. M. Free,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Free:

I was very glad to receive your letter of October 30, and to learn of the good assistance given to the party of which Mrs. Free was a member by one of the Lighthouse keepers at Cobb Point Bar Lighthouse.

I appreciate your courtesy in informing me of this matter as, of course, we are always pleased to know of such acts by persons in the Lighthouse Service.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dec 1928

A. M. FREE
8TH DIST. CALIFORNIA

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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SUPT. LIGHTHOUSES
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BALTIMORE, MD

11/3/28 Ans

October 30, 1928.

LIGHTHOUSES
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Hon. George B. Putnam
Commissioner
Bureau of Light Houses
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

About two weeks ago Mr. Guy McCord, owner of the Senate Hotel, this city, took some of his friends down the Potomac River on a boat called "Demo", belonging to him. My wife was among the guests.

When the boat got near Cobb Bar Lighthouse a strong wind arose, and the vessel went aground. Several small boats in the vicinity of the "Demo" tried to help her, but their efforts were futile.

Mr. T. J. Steinhist, Assistant Lighthouse Tender, saw the situation, came to the rescue, and after very strenuous efforts, succeeded in relieving the difficulty.

I desire to call to the attention of your Bureau the fine work done by Mr. Steinhist on this occasion, the service being rendered so promptly and willingly. You are very fortunate to have in your employ a man of such caliber.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. M. Free

Steinhist

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Chief Clk.
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RG EJD Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., November 5,1928.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Maryland for report as to commendation of the employee concerned.

Per Rec commendation

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1927 AUG 2 AM 9 05

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

July 30, 1927

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Thos. J. Steinhise, effective date of transfer.

1. The Bureau is please requested to change the effective date of transfer of Thos. J. Steinhise from Ragged Point L.H., Md. to Cobb Point Bar L.H., Md. from July 12 to July 7. This change is due to the fact that Mr. Steinhise's successor entered on duty July 7 and it was necessary to enter Steinhise on duty in his new position on the same date.

H. D. King

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 2 - 1927

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

By direction of the Commissioner

Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES
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6/27/27 Original to Dept.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

June 24, 1927

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Mar. Engr.
Personnel
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Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Form 73-A, Thomas J. Steinhise

1. In compliance with telephone request of June 24, there is attached hereto Form 73-A for Thomas J. Steinhise dated June 20, 1927, the original of which was probably lost in the mails.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

H. D. King

Assistant Superintendent

sent 73a to inits also a dis on 73-a

MsC.
1 inclosure.
Thomas J. Steinhise,
cancel appointment.

August 8, 1918.

Secretary of Commerce:

The Bureau recommends that the Department cancel its order of August 1, 1918, whereby Thomas J. Steinhise would have been given a probationary appointment as keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at $480 per annum, for assignment to duty at the Tangier Sound Light Station, Va., Department letter of August 1, 1918, addressed to Steinhise being inclosed for cancelation on its face.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

This recommendation is made in pursuance of telegraphic request from the Fifth Superintendent.

Acting Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TELEGRAM

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 6 1918

AUG 6 1918 12 48 PM

8/8/18 Wrote Dept

9wuhx 21 govt QN, Baltimore, Md. 1133am Aug 6,1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington

Cancel nominations Thomas Steinhise assistant Keeper Tangier Sound and Thomas Williams additional keeper Whiteshoal letter follows.

King.

Done

1236pm

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Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
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Dep. Commr.
Commr.

Form 73

NOMINATION

MEM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Supt. of Lighthouses
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, 5th DISTRICT,

LIGHT AUG 8 1918 HOUSES

Baltimore, Md. July 26, 1918, 191
(City.) (Date.)

AUG 8 1918 8 50 AM

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y 4th Civil Service District)

Action recommended, Probationary Appointment

Name, Thos. J. Steinhise — Legal residence, Maryland

Position, Assistant Keeper — Salary, $ 480. p.a. (base)

Location, Tangier Sound Light Station, Va. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective August 1, 1918 — {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

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Commr.

Former position, None — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 3 — Rating, Asst. Keeper — Percentage, 89. , Other eligibles considered:
Williams, Thos. - 87.2 -C
Hagelin, Robt.M - 87.2 -C

Previous incumbent, Robert Bradshaw — Services terminated, With close of July 5, 1918

Reason, Resigned on account of War Draft

Members of family in Government Service, Brother-in-law - Chas. M. Wible - private in army
Uncle - Master at Arms

Remarks:

As this position has been open since July 5 on account of shortage of eligibles, it is desired that it be filled by August 1.

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

L H Fisher
Secretary, 4th Civil Service District.

H. D. King
Supt. 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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Address:
SECRETARY FOURTH [illegible] SERVICE DISTRICT,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

G-NH

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

FOURTH UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

L. H. INSPECTOR AUG. 8 1918 BALTIMORE MD.

FOURTH DISTRICT AUG 5 - 1918 Received

LIGHT AUG 6 1918 HOUSES

Aug. 2, 1918

Lighthouse Inspector,

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

On even date a messenger boy from the office of the Commission of Lighthouses brought to this office for endorsement your nomination of July 26, 1918, recommending the appointment of Thos. J. Steinhise (89) as Assistant Keeper, $480 per annum, Tangier Sound, Light Station, Va.

It appears that the nomination was submitted in irregular form, in that it was not submitted in triplicate to this office for endorsement. As the Civil Service Commission and the District Secretary have no record of this appointment, it is respectfully suggested that the nomination be submitted formally in triplicate through this office to the Department.

Very respectfully,

L. K. Fisher

District Secretary.

Inspector ✓
Supt.
Chief Clk.
1 A Supt.
2 A Supt.
3 A Supt.
Draftsman
Foreman
Mech.
Hydrog.
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✓ Personnel
Cost Kpg.
File Clk.
Messenger
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

MEM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT AUG 8 1918 HOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD

August 3, 1918.

FOURTH DISTRICT
AUG 5-1918
Received

Mr. L. H. Fisher, District Secretary,
4th Civil Service District.

Subject: Nomination Thos. J. Steinhise.

Reference: Your letter dated August 2, 1918.

Herewith enclosed triplicate copies of Form 73 in the case of Thos. J. Steinhise. This same nomination was sent to the Commissioner of Lighthouses direct, through error, during my absence from the city, and should have been sent, as is mentioned in your letter, through your office.

W. D. King

Supt. of Lighthouses.

P.S. Please let this letter, together with your letter of August 2, accompany the Mr. Steinhise' nomination, when forwarded to the Bureau, so that there will be no delay in making this appointment.

STEINHISE . THOMAS J

CHARGE OUT CARD
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
NAVCG 9767

CHARGED TO	DATE	CHARGED TO	DATE	CHARGED TO	DATE	CHARGED TO	DATE	CHARGED TO	DATE
~~Brown~~		1-17-45							
Stewart		8/19							
Higgins		11-29-50							

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

REPORT OF CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

Steinhise,	Thomas	J.	--	Keeper
(Surname)	(First name)	(Middle initial)	(Service No.)	(Rank or rating)

NORFOLK DISTRICT	Norfolk, Va.	26 June, 1941.
(Unit)	(Place)	(Date)

Eff. close 4/30/41 retired a/c disability:

FROM

Position: Keeper
Salary: $1620 p.a. plus $60 for quarters.
Range: $1560-1920
Station: Seven-Foot Knoll Lt. Sta., Md.

AUTHORITY: Form 2249 approved 6/13/41.

C. J. SULLIVAN,
(Commanding)

By direction.
(Title)

SPACE BELOW IS FOR HEADQUARTERS' USE ONLY

LAW	PERSONNEL RECORDS		
	STATISTICS	CORRESPONDENCE	RECORDS

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Personnel

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

26 June, 1941.

From: Comman der, Norfolk District.
To: Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper,
General Delivery, South Station,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Subject: Retirement.

1. There is forwarded herewith notification of your retirement from the Service on account of disability, effective at the close of 30 April, 1941, with retired pay at the rate of $605.89 per annum.

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction.

Form 9

TREASURY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~
U. S. Coast Guard

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Commander,
~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~

Date 5 April, 1941

Norfolk District

Norfolk, Va.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective June 1, 1941, on the basis of service shown hereon.

Thomas J. Steinhise,
General Delivery, South Station,
Baltimore, Maryland.

X Thomas J. Steinhise
(Name)

Keeper
(Designation)

OFFICE OF ~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~ Commander, Norfolk District

City Norfolk, Va. *Date* 23 May, 1941

Submitted to ~~Commissioner of Lighthouses~~ Commandant, U.S.C.G., Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $ 605.89 per annum, effective at the close of 31 May, 1941

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

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction. ~~*Superintendent of Lighthouses.*~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*, _____

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

11—10551

Form 9

TREASURY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
U. S. Coast Guard

Page

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name Thomas J. Steinhise Date of birth 29 September, 1878

Designation Keeper

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment - Lighthouse Service and Coast Guard							
Light Keeper	Jan.	29	1919	Nov	15	1919	
	Dec.	1	1926	May	31	1941	
	Leave without pay, 11 Nov. 1940 - 5 Jan. 1941, inclusive and month of May, 1941.						
Total service			15 years and 22 days				

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

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

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

If so, state the compensation received: —

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or P. H. personnel)	Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year			
	March	8	1936	June	30	1936	3 Mo-25D	$1560.PA	$ 498.33
Light Keeper	July	1	1936	Jan.	31	1937	7 Mo	1560.PA	910.00
	Feb.	1	1937	June	30	1937	5 Mo	1620.PA	675.00
	July	1	1937	June	30	1938	1 Yr	"	1620.00
	July	1	1938	June	30	1939	1 Yr.	"	1620.00
	July	1	1939	June	30	1940	1 Yr.	"	1620.00
	July	1	1940	Nov.	10	1940	4 Mo.10D	"	585.00
	Jan.	6	1941	Apr.	30	1941	3 Mo.25D	"	517.50

Total compensation for last five years of active service $8,045.83

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1,609.16

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1,609.16 × years 15.0611 ÷ 40) = $605.89
(Not exceeding 30)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—10551

Condition of nose and sinuses no infection

Condition of mouth and throat, including tonsils and teeth tonsils not remarkable;

only front incisors present.

Bones, joints, muscles, including atrophies Slight to moderate limitation of motion in all joints.
(Express limitation of motion, if any, in degrees and joint involved)

Respiratory system emphysematous especially knees and back.
findings in both lungs.

Cardiovascular system:

(a) Heart Normal in size and shape. Dilatation of aorta.

(1) Murmurs none (2) Arrhythmias none

(b) Pulse rate: (1) Sitting 90 (2) After exercise Not advisable to exercise patient. (3) 2 minutes after exercise

(c) Blood pressure: (1) Sitting—Syst. 170 Diast. 100 (2) After ex.—Syst. -- Diast. --

(d) Condition of blood vessels Moderate thickening and sclerosis

Evidence of thyroid or other endocrine disturbance none

Abdomen and gastro-intestinal system, including hernia x-ray evidence duodenal ulcer

Genito-urinary system:

Urinalysis—Sp. gr. 1.026 Reaction acid Albumin negative Sugar negative

Sediment microscopic (required when albumin or sugar is found) occ. pus cell

Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

(a) Station good (e) Gait good

(b) Tremor none (f) Coordination good

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

(d) Other motor disturbances none

Alcohol slight Drugs none Syphilis none Epilepsy none

Other neurological findings none

General impression Patient suffering from multiple consitutional diseases.

Here describe fully nature of disability: Arteriosclerosis, general; arthritis, chronic, hypertrophic, general, moderate; hypertension, arterial; duodenal ulcer; pulmonary emphysema; dilatation of aortic arch.

Is disability to perform duty of a permanent character? yes

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

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

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service

U.S.Marine Hospital
(Place of examination)

K. R. Nelson
(Examining surgeon)

May 20, 1941
(Date)

K. R. Nelson
Surgeon, U.S. Public Health Service
(Title and branch of medical service)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—17606

Form 2523
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

(Act of March 4, 1925)

NAME OF CLAIMANT Thomas Jefferson Steinhise DESIGNATION Lighthouse keeper

Height 5 ft. 9 in. Weight 188 lbs. pounds. Complexion fair

Color of eyes gray Color of hair gray

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination: Elderly, well developed and nourished white male. No marked distinguishing characteristics.

Description of duties of position (to be filled in by district commander):

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: Pain in knees and back since Spring, 1940. Stomach distress from stomach ulcer for years. Shortness of breath and cough on exertion.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Visual acuity (uncorrected): R. E. 20/30 L. E. 20/30

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

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

Reads Jaeger No. J-2 at 13 inches, with correction.

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

Inspection normal

Pupils normal Pupillary reaction normal

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

Appearance of right drum silvery, left drum silvery

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

[OVER]

16—17606

Name Thomas J. Steinhise Date of birth 29 Sept. 1878

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	Dec	1	1926 ✓	May	31	1941 ✓	
Leave Without Pay 11 Nov 1940 - 5 Jan 1941, ✓ Incl., and							
Month of May, 1941. ✓							
Total service			15 years and 22 days. ✓				

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Average compensation for last five years of active service $1,609.16 ✓

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(Not exceeding 30)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—20161

Form 2521
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard

U. S. COAST GUARD
APR - 4 1941
NORFOLK DISTRICT

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Date .....

Commander, ... *District,*

..... (City)

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

(State here address to which retirement checks are to be mailed)

..... (Name)

..... (Designation)

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COMMANDER

City ..... *Date* .....

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

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

.....
District Commander.

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

Submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending approval.

.....
Commandant.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

16—20161

Form 2655
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
Revised

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

TRANSMIT

DATE 6/7/41

FROM COMNORDIST

TO (FOR ACTION) HEADQUARTERS

UNLESS DESIGNATED OTHERWISE TRANSMIT THIS DISPATCH AS NITE.

TO (FOR INFORMATION)

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MAIL TO

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MESSENGER TO

OUTGOING HEADING

TEXT

YOUR 051558 STEINHISE WAS PATIENT IN MARINE HOSPITAL INCAPACITATED ENTIRE MONTH OF MAY X UP TO CLOSE OF APRIL HE HAD USED ALL ACCRUED ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE AND THIRTY DAYS ADVANCE SICK LEAVE X

OPERATOR'S RECORD. OFFICIAL BUSINESS. INITIALS OF "RELEASING" OFFICER.

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1934 2—7429

Form 2654
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
July 1935

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

UNIT

DATE

INCOMING HEADING

BG V HHS 20 Z QUAH 051558 QUAN GR 29

TEXT

WAS THOMAS J STEINHISES ADSENCE DURING MONTH MAY LAST DUE TO PHYSICAL INCAPACITY TO PERFORM DUTY AND WAS HE PATIENT IN MARINE HOSPITAL AT TIME OF EXAMINATION 20 [redacted] MAY.

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COPY PERSONNEL.
FILE.

OPERATOR'S RECORD

TOR - 1823

(IF RELAYED, SERVICE ON REVERSE)

INITIALS OF "ACTION" OFFICER

FROM

HEADQUARTERS. 015

TO (FOR ACTION)

COMNORDIST. OK.

TO (FOR INFORMATION)

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"ACTION" OFFICER INITIAL AND RETURN ORIGINAL TO RADIOROOM, RETAINING COPY

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—7870

U. S. MARINE HOSPITAL
WYMAN PARK DRIVE AND 31ST STREET

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

U. S. COAST GUARD
MAY 21 1941
NORFOLK DISTRICT

May 20, 1941

Lt. Commander C. J. Sullivan
U. S. Coast Guard
Norfolk, Virginia

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 9, 1941 concerning Thomas Jefferson Steinhise, lighthouse keeper, who was admitted to this hospital on April 14, 1941. There is inclosed herewith the complete Form 2523, which you requested be executed in the case of Mr. Steinhise. Reference is made to previous letters of this station dated September 13, October 3, and December 3, 1940 concerning the condition of Mr. Steinhise.

At the present time Mr. Steinhise suffers from arteriosclerosis, general; arthritis, chronic, hypertrophic, general, moderate; emphysema, pulmonary; duodenal ulcer; hypertension, arterial; and dilatation of the aortic arch. Since Mr. Steinhise's previous hospitalization, he has developed an active duodenal ulcer and hypertension. His lung condition of emphysema remains about the same as it was on his prior admission. The arthritis has progressed and x-rays of the spine show very marked damage from the arthritic process in the region of the fourth lumbar vertebra.

It is believed that Mr. Steinhise's condition is sufficiently bad to warrant retirement from the Lighthouse Service, and it is believed that his disabilities are permanent and not the result of his own vicious habits or misconduct.

By direction of the Medical Officer in Charge.

Respectfully,

K. R. Nelson

K. R. Nelson
Surgeon, USPHS
In Charge - Medical Service

KRN:cz
Incl: Form 2523(dup.)

9 May, 1941.

Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Marine Hospital,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

It is the understanding of this office that Thomas J. Steinhise, lighthouse keeper, has been a patient at your hospital since 14 April, 1941.

It is requested that this office be advised as to Mr. Steinhise's present condition and that form 2523, which was forwarded with our letter of 29 March, 1941, be executed and returned in duplicate as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

C. J. SULLIVAN,
Lt. Commander, U. S. Coast Guard.

Fm 7 MR

29 March, 1941.

Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Marine Hospital,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case of Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, who was a patient in your hospital for several months last fall.

Mr. Steinhise now has sufficient service to be eligible for retirement on account of disability. He has been instructed to report to you for examination, and it will be appreciated if you will examine him and execute the attached Form 2523, forwarding same to this office in duplicate.

Respectfully,

C. J. SULLIVAN,
Lt. Commander, U. S. Coast Guard.

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Form 2654
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
July 1935

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

UNIT DATE

INCOMING HEADING

BC V LC NR8 Z NNGG 031350 QUAN GR 13

1941 MAY 3 PM 2 06

TEXT

YOUR 022224 STEINHISE ADMITTED MARINE HOSPITAL BALTIMORE 0945 14 APRIL

AND STILL INTERNED

TOD 1405 AM LC NM
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COPIES LH AND PERSONNEL.

Asst. Supt.
Chief Clk.
Asso. Engr.
Asst. Engr. (1)
Asst. Engr. (2)
Junior Engr.
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OPERATOR'S RECORD

TOR —

(IF RELAYED, SERVICE ON REVERSE) INITIALS OF "ACTION" OFFICER

FROM

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—7370

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

U.S. COAST GUARD
APR - 8 1941
NORFOLK DISTRICT

Baltimore,Md.
5 April,1941.

From: Thomas J. Steinhise.
To: Commander,Norfolk District.

1. In compliance to your letter,I have no other income.

2. Check to be mailed to gemeral delivery,South Station, Baltimore,Md.

T. J. Steinhise
Keeper.

29 March, 1941.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Thomas J. Steinhise, Lighthouse Keeper,
c/o Baltimore Repair Station.

Via: Captain of the Port, Baltimore Base.

1. You are directed to report to the Medical Officer in Charge, U. S. Marine Hospital, Baltimore, Md., on 9 April, 1941, for examination for retirement on account of disability. If approved, your retirement will be effective at the close of 30 April, 1941.

2. You are directed to sign attached forms where indicated and return all four copies to this office promptly.

3. Advise whether or not you receive any compensation from the U. S. Government other than your salary from this office.

4. Also advise to what address you wish your retirement checks mailed, if your retirement is approved.

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction.

Form 2654
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
July 1935

NORFOLK DIVISION

1941 JAN 6 PM 2 12

COMMUNICATION CENTER

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

UNIT DATE

INCOMING HEADING

BG V LC NR 7 Z MNGG 061318 QUAN GR 14 BT

TEXT

T J STEINHOUSE KEEPER REPORTED BALTIMORE REPAIR STATION 0800 JANUARY 6 1941 FOR DUTY

TOD 1410 SKI LC B

C/ DUTY R 7 ME BG

Will have 15 yrs service on April 8, 1941.

COPY: PERSONNEL.

OPERATOR'S RECORD

TOR —

(If Relayed, Service on Reverse) INITIALS OF "ACTION" OFFICER

FROM

BALTIMORE REPAIR STATION

TO (For Action)

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TO (For Information)

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—7370

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2 Jan., 1941.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Keeper, T. J. Steinhise,
1306 S. Charles St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Subject: Assignment to duty.

Reference: (a) Your letter 20 Dec., 1940.

1. It is noted in above reference that you are now sufficiently recovered to perform light duties. You are directed to report to Mr. Boenning at Baltimore Repair Base, who will assign you appropriately until you have served the additional time needed to make you eligible for disability retirement.

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction.

Copy to Keeper, Baltimore Repair Base.

In above connection you are informed that Steinhise has about 3½ months to serve before he becomes eligible for disability retirement. You will use him on such jobs as he is capable of performing. Advise date he reports for duty.

ELR/fmt MR

Memo To Comdr. Kenton - Asst Chief of Staff -

This man cannot retire until he has had 15 years service (on disability), and he needs 3½ months more service. He is now in the hospital, on leave without pay -

He has been a very poor keeper, at least for the last 4 years - but he was awarded a Silver Life Saving Medal for rescuing some persons from a big boat off Seven F.t. Rock Light Station. This is the only reason I know why he should be given any consideration whatever -

It can be assumed that he will be retired when he has had 15 years service.

Harry M.
26 Dec. 40.

Rebbel -

Take necessary action -

DEC 23 1940
DISTRICT

Marine Hospital December 20. 1940

To The Commander of U.S. Coast Guard Norfolk Va

Rcvied Letter yestuday In regards to stopment of Pay I was soppriz first In regards of different Law + Regulation. Mr Shelvin a Coast Guard Was at the Hospital as his statement around tern month and reavd his same salary at all times. every month

Sir I am hoping I shall Be able to return to Work around January 2nd 3 I have been In very Bad condition I am some what Better now I hope you will Place me some Where so I can Be Near a Hospital or doctor should I Be set Back agane. I am a good Rigger + Erecter should It Be possable to transfer me. In Case they should need men of that kind at Curtis Bay Depot. Please give me a Brake In my Last few days of Life. advize Where to report after Xmas so I can get ready

Respectfully

Thomas J. Steinbrie
Keeper Swan Point
Knoll

Marine Hospital ~~Home~~
1306 S. Charles St Baltimore Md

18 Dec., 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Thomas J. Steinhise, L. H. Keeper,
Care U. S. Marine Hospital,
Baltimore, Md.

Subject: Pay and leave status.

Reference: Your letter 16 Dec., 1940.

1. In answer to above reference you are informed that your accrued leave, both sick and annual, expired on 10 November, and consequently, it was necessary to place you thereafter in the status of leave without pay, which is regretted.

2. Should you recover sufficiently to justify your return to duty, you might serve about 3½ months, and then you would be eligible for disability retirement.

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction.

WLR/bm7 MR

12.16-4[redacted] Marine Hospital Baltimore Md

DEC 17 1940
NORFOLK DISTRICT

Commander of Coast Guard Norfolk Va
Please advise me In Reguards to Last Months
Check or Pay as My Family Is In Bad circumstances
I recind a check for 46.66. I haven't recind any
Statements In any form Whatsoever. My Condition
Is Bad In Many Ways. Plean do What you
Can as soon as you can as I am In need

Respectfully
Thomas J Steinbice
Marine Hospital
Baltimore Md. U.S.

LWOP Nov. 11-30, 1940

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

IN REPLYING, ADDRESS THE
U.S.Marine Hospital
Baltimore, Maryland

U. S. COAST GUARD
DEC 5 - 1940
NORFOLK DISTRICT

December 3, 1940

Lt. Commander C. J. Sullivan
U. S. Coast Guard
Norfolk, Virginia

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 25, 1940 concerning T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland, who is at present a patient in this hospital.

As we wrote you on September 13, 1940, Mr. Steinhise is suffering from chronic hypertrophic arthritis, generalized; emphysema, pulmonary, severe; and arteriosclerosis, general.

Mr. Steinhise's condition at present is very little better than it was upon admission to the hospital. The slightest exertion causes him to be extremely short of breath and induces violent coughing spells. It is not believed that he can be returned to any activity which would require that he work continuously. He feels fairly well for two or three days and then is greatly incapacitated for several days by his shortness of breath and cough from the pulmonary emphysema. It is expected that he will be incapacitated to this extent for the remainder of his life.

Respectfully,

H. L. Skinner
Medical Officer in Temporary Charge

KRN:cz

DEC 5 - 1940
NORFOLK DISTRICT

12-4-1940 Marine Hospital Baltimore Md

To The Commander U.S. Coast Guard Norfolk Va.

Sir Subject Pay or Salary

yesterday I received Check for $41.66. I dont understand What it is all about as I have no notice. I am still at this Hospital taking treatment the same as ever. I hope & think It Was a mistake as I have Just talked to a Coast Guard man that has Been here 10 month and they havent change his Pay although he has Been Before the Board Please advise me In regards to What happen as It Puts me In Bad Circumstances, Financely

Respectfully

Thomas J. Steinhice
Marine Hospital
Baltimore Md

Home address 1306 S. Charles St Baltimore Md

To Fleetwood 12/6/40

Norfolk, Va., 25 Nov., 1940.

Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Marine Hospital,
~~Norfolk, Va.~~ Balto. Md.

Dear Sir:

Under date of 3 October, 1940, you submitted to this office a report in the case of T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Md., who is at present a patient in the U. S. Marine Hospital.

Mr. Steinhise lacks 3½ months service of the requisite time under which he might be retired for disability. In the light of this fact your advice will be appreciated as to whether or not there is a possibility of Steinhise's returning to duty, in order that he may complete the required fifteen years' service. In the event of a sufficient recovery to perform light duties, we believe a suitable arrangement might be made to that effect.

Very truly yours,

C. J. SULLIVAN,
Lt. Commander, U. S. Coast Guard.

VLR/lmt

HEADQUARTERS

ADDRESS THE COMMANDANT, U. S. COAST GUARD
AND REFER TO No. CP-75

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON 26 November, 1940.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, Norfolk District.

Subject: Thomas J. Steinhise, leave status.

Reference: (a) Your letter November 25 (75).

1. For the reasons set forth in reference (a), leave without pay for a period of one month is approved for the subject employee, beginning November 11, it being noted that all annual and sick leave, including 30 days advance sick leave, expired at the close of November 10.

2. If this employee is not able to return to duty at the expiration of the approved one-month period, your office is authorized to grant him an additional month's leave without pay, prior to the expiration of which further recommendation should be submitted. The attention of your office, however, is invited to the fact that leave without pay is not "active" service, and may not be counted in making up the 15 years of service required in order to be eligible for retirement on account of disability, in accordance with the Act of 20 June, 1918, as amended.

By direction,

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

Norfolk, Va., 25 Nov., 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Thomas J. Steinhise, leave status.

1. The subject employee is at present Keeper of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, although he was nominated on Form 73, dated 27 Sept., 1940, for transfer to position of Assistant Keeper, Ragged Point Light Station, Md. We are in receipt of advices from the U. S. Marine Hospital, Baltimore, Md., where Steinhise is a patient, to the effect that he is in very poor health and that his chances to return to his normal occupation are very slight. He lacks 3½ months of the required 15 years for disability retirement under the Lighthouse Retirement Law. His annual and sick leave, including the permitted advance of thirty days sick leave expired at the close of 10 November.

2. It is requested that Headquarters approve at this time 30 days leave without pay, commencing 11 November, for Steinhise, as it is possible that he might sufficiently improve to warrant his assignment to some light duties to enable him to round out the required fifteen years' service.

3. It is believed this solution is an equitable one, and Headquarters' approval is requested.

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction.

WLR/hmt

U.S. COAST GUARD
OCT - 7 1940
NORFOLK DISTRICT

UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

IN REPLYING, ADDRESS THE
U.S.Marine Hospital
Baltimore, Maryland

October 3, 1940

Lt. Comdr. C. J. Sullivan
Office of the Commander, Norfolk District
U. S. Coast Guard
Norfolk, Virginia

Sir:

We wish to acknowledge your letter of September 30, 1940 concerning Mr. T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station.

At the present time Mr. Steinhise is not in the physical condition to resume any type of duty. In addition to the arthritis, pulmonary emphysema, and arteriosclerosis, that we have already informed you he suffers from, he shows considerable nervous and emotional instability on his present hospitalization. It is felt that these nervous and emotional symptoms are the result of a certain amount of cerebral arteriosclerosis and also debility caused by his other constitutional diseases.

As we have already informed you, it will be very difficult and impossible at this time to give you any idea when you might expect to return Mr. Steinhise to duty. The most that we can say at the present time is that the immediate outlook for his return to even light duty is very poor.

Respectfully,

T. B. H. Anderson

T. B. H. Anderson
Medical Officer in Charge

All leave expired
last 11/10/40
Last
KRN

KRN:cz

Marine Hospital Baltimore Md

U S COAST GUARD
OCT 11 1940
NORFOLK DISTRICT

Commander US Coast Guard Norfolk Va.

Sir. I have Been Informed By the doctors here that I had Been Recomanded for Retiriedment. But I am Liking a few Month In time. When I Was Before the Board December 20. 1939. as I Understood after I told them about the times I Work out of the office Under Superintendent King + Hopkins for the Goverment. they allood me a year for that service as the Goverment Paid me and not By anyone else I am not afraid I will Be strong + able to Work again owing to my Entire right side + Back But I can truthfully say What I have lacked In fullfilling my duty on some thing I have Been of Value In saving Lives + Proputy and Ialy If I dont recive any reward In this World I Shall In the World to come

Respectfully

Thomas J. Steinhil
Patient at Marine Hospital Baltimore Md

Home address 1306 S. Charles St Baltimore Md

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IN REPLYING, ADDRESS THE
U.S. Marine Hospital
Baltimore, Md.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

30 September, 1940

Medical Officer in Charge
U.S. Public Health Service
Baltimore, Maryland

Sir:

I have your letter of 13 September, relative to examination of T.J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, in which it is stated that Mr. Steinhise's conditions have progressed to the point where they will cause him to be a chronic invalid.

Mr. Steinhise is required by law to have served 15 years before his retirement may be considered. He will have had 15 years service at the close of February next. We have planned to transfer him to a position of assistant keeper, where his duties will be less arduous than they are at present. May we have your opinion as to whether or not he might be capable of performing reasonably arduous tasks until he has had sufficient service to retire?

Very truly yours

C. J. SULLIVAN,
Lt. Commander, U. S. Coast Guard.

KRH:edw

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IN REPLYING, ADDRESS THE
U.S. Marine Hospital
Baltimore, Md.

U. S. COAST GUARD
SEP 18 1940
NORFOLK DISTRICT

~~TREASURY DEPARTMENT~~

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

September 13, 1940

Lt. Commander C. J. Sullivan
Office of Commander
U. S. Coast Guard
Norfolk, Virginia

Sir:

We wish to acknowledge your letter of September 10, 1940, concerning T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland, who was admitted to this hospital on September 9, 1940.

Mr. Steinhise is suffering from chronic hypertrophic arthritis, generalized; emphysema, pulmonary; and arteriosclerosis, general. He is sixty-one years of age. The forenamed conditions are metabolic, degenerative diseases common in elderly individuals. He has been treated on previous occasions in this hospital for the same conditions. On these previous occasions the symptoms were much less severe and disabling. It would be very difficult to estimate his present period of disability, but it will undoubtedly be prolonged and at least of six weeks' duration. We very seriously doubt our ability to materially improve his feeling of well-being.

It is our belief that the conditions have progressed at present to the point where they will cause him to be a chronic invalid.

By direction of the Medical Officer in Charge.

Respectfully,

K. R. Nelson

K. R. Nelson
Surgeon - US PHS
In Charge, Medical Service

c/y man sent 9/18/40

KRN:edw

Due for retirement Board of Feb. 1941

Norfolk, Virginia, 10 September, 1940.

Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Marine Hospital,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

It is the understanding of this office that T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Md., is a patient in your hospital. It will be appreciated if you will advise this office as to the probable length of his disability.

Very truly yours,

C. J. SULLIVAN,
Lt. Commander, U.S.Coast Guard.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~
~~Norfolk, Va.~~

~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~

Commander, Norfolk District, U. S. Coast Guard
U. S. Coast Guard,
Norfolk, Virginia.

U. S. COAST GUARD
SEP - 9 1940
NORFOLK DISTRICT

1306 S. Charles St
Address
~~FIFTH DISTRICT~~

Swan Point Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

September 7, 1940
Date

To the Commander of Norfolk district Sir
I have taken treatment at the Public Health service and they are going to send me to the Marine Hospital Monday I Left Station on the 5. at 4 PM But was not sure Intell to day what was going to happen. Willis the asst Keeper has been started the Engine since he has been on that station and I am not sure of his ability along that line I have asked him Lots of times to go but he depen on me to do all the going. should I be detand at the Hospital. I suggest that you send a experience Asst or Keeper. hopeing I will get well or die soon as get Retired

Respectfully

Thomas. J. Steinhice

Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULATIONS ON BACK)

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Norfolk, Virginia, 29 August, 1940.

Office of the Commander, Norfolk District, USCG

Norfolk, Va.
(Place)

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station,
Box 6412 South Sta.,
Baltimore, Md.

29 August, 1940.

1. With reference to your letter of 27 August, there is forwarded herewith necessary form for admission into the U. S. Marine Hospital, Baltimore, Md. You will advise this office by letter when you leave the station to proceed to the hospital. Sign attached form where indicated.

To the Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Public Health Service,

Sir:

The bearer, _____, is a beneficiary of the U. S. Public Health Service:

1. An officer or member of the crew of a vessel belonging to the Lighthouse Service (including lightship), i. e., the _____ (Name of vessel)

or—

2. A lightkeeper or assistant lightkeeper on duty at Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station. (Name of station)

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction.

You are requested to examine this applicant and to furnish him with such medical relief as may be required. The signature and description of the applicant appear below.

Signature of employee to be examined _____

Nativity American Age 61 years. Height _____ feet _____ inches.

Color of eyes _____ Color of hair _____

Distinguishing marks _____

*Date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service 29 Jan., 1919.

†Date of certificate by the Public Health Service that person named passed physical examination, _____, 19____

C. J. SULLIVAN,
(Official designation)
Lt. Commander, U. S. Coast Guard.

*Fill in only if person to be examined is a lightkeeper or assistant lightkeeper.

†Fill in only in case of lightkeeper or assistant lightkeeper when the date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service is subsequent to August 27, 1916.

(OVER)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULATIONS ON BACK)

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of the ~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~ Commander, Norfolk District, USCG

Norfolk, Va.
(Place)

29 August, 19 40

TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE,

Baltimore, Maryland.

SIR:

The bearer, Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper
(Name and title of applicant for medical relief)
is a beneficiary of the U. S. Public Health Service:

1. An officer or member of the crew of a vessel belonging to the Lighthouse Service (including lightship), i. e., the _____
(Name of vessel)

or—

2. A lightkeeper ~~or an assistant lightkeeper~~ on duty at Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station.
(Name of station)

You are requested to examine this applicant and to furnish him with such medical relief as may be required. The signature and description of the applicant appear below.

Signature of employee to be examined _____

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*Date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service 29 Jan., 1919.

†Date of certificate by the Public Health Service that person named passed physical examination,

_____, 19____

C. J. SULLIVAN,
(Title of officer signing request)
Lt. Commander, U. S. Coast Guard.

*Fill in only if person to be examined is a lightkeeper or assistant lightkeeper.

†Fill in only in case of lightkeeper or assistant lightkeeper when the date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service is subsequent to August 27, 1916.

(OVER)

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~

~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~
~~Norfolk, Va.~~

Commander, Norfolk District, U. S. Coast Guard
U. S. Coast Guard,
Norfolk, Virginia.

U. S. COAST GUARD
AUG 29 1940
NORFOLK DISTRICT

Box 6312 South Sta Baltimore 2d
Address
~~NORFOLK DISTRICT~~

Seven foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 27, 1940
Date

To The Commander Norfolk V.a.

Sir Subject. Health. Subject to your Consideration
I Would like to go to the Marine Hospital In
September for treatment as I am + have Been Hoping
against hope to get better of my trubles But I find
no Improvement. Rheumatism + Bad Eye sight. My
Knees has Been Double there Size this summer
I have been to Public Health takeing treatments
But I only get that one as two times a month
and my Back + Hip give me trouble all the time
If they Cannot Improve My Condition then I am
not of any service to any body. God help those
depending on me for Subsistence.

Respectfully

Supply
Asst. Supply
Chief Clk.
Asso. Engr.
Asst. Engr. (1)
Asst. Engr. (2)
Junior Engr.
Hydrog.
Accounts
Purchasing
Personnel
Cost Kpg.
Prop. Clk.
Storeg
Messenger
Etc

To Personnel
This man is under charge
But if he needs hospitalization he should be
sent to Hospital and a letter to the Medical
Officer in charge regarding a report on her

Cordelia M

Thomas J. Steinhise
Keeper

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Personnel 2400

U.S. COAST GUARD
JUN - 6 1941
NORFOLK DISTRICT

To the Commander of Coast Guard
Norfolk Va.

10 June, 1941

Sir I was ordered to report to this Hospital for a check up In regards to my retirement. I arrived here on the 14th of April and I am still here today as the doctors have discharge me I do not know their consideration as they have not given me any better than that I do not know any check this month and if I dont recieve it I do not know what I will do because I have no money I have a daughter in the State Sanatorium that needs some care also I see other men here for the same purpose are receiving their Pay each month I dont understand why I dont receive mine Pay C Simmons & W. C. Bradford receive their checks and they have been here longer in fact they have been here since Jan 1941. If my check has gone astray I beg Pardon if not please advise what I dont want to break up my home

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: T. J. Steinhise, Keeper
c/o U.S. Marine Hospital
Baltimore, Maryland.

Subject: Pay.

Reference: (a) Your letter 5 June, 1941.

1. In answer to above reference, you are informed that all the leave of absence, both annual and sick, which have accrued to your credit had already been granted to you prior to 1 May, 1941 and this Office does not have authority to pay you beyond that date.

2. The matter of your retirement is now pending in Headquarters and you will be informed immediately upon receipt of information relative thereto.

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction.

WLR/jm

Marine Hospital Balto Md.
6/5/41

U.S. COAST GUARD
JUN - 6 1941
NORFOLK DISTRICT

To the Commander of Coast Guard
Norfolk Va.

Sir I was ordered to report to this Hospital for a check up In regards to my retirement. I arrived here on the 14th of April around 10 A.M. and I am still here today as the doctors haven't discharge me. I am subject to their consideration as they know my condition better than I do I have not received any check this month and if I dont recieve it soon I will have no home because I have no money I have a daughter in the State Sanatorium that needs some care also. There are other men here for the same purpose are receiving their Pay each month I dont understand why I dont receive mine Ry A Simonson & St C. Bradford receive their checks and they have been here longer in fact they have been here since Jan. 1941. If my check has gone astray I beg Pardon if not please advise what is wrong as I dont want to break up my home

Respectfully
Thomas J. Steinhice Keeper

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 1-41

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

This letter, while evidencing an official action as of the date thereof, is not to be accepted as a credential for operating. Any person approached by the holder is entitled, on demand, to view his regular departmental credential in the form of a badge or current identification card.

June 4, 1941.

To: Steinhise, Thomas J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard 921

This is to notify you of the following personnel action:

Cancellation of change in status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

PERSONNEL NOTIFICATION

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper	Keeper
Grade	Field (Range $1560-1920)	Field (Range $1380-1740)
Salary	$1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a. trs.	$1440 p.a. plus $60 p.a. trs.
Bureau or Div.	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Organizational Subdivision		
Headquarters	Norfolk, Virginia	Norfolk, Virginia
Post of Duty	Seven-Foot Knoll L. Sta., Md.	Ragged Point L. Sta., Md.
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C.G.	Civilian Employees, C.G.
Allotment		

FIELD ☒ DEPRTMTL. ☐ FIELD ☒ DEPRTMTL. ☐

EFFECTIVE

Remarks: Travel from Baltimore, Maryland to Valley Lee, Maryland, necessary in interest of Government, not for convenience of employee is authorized, with per diem of $3.50 in lieu of subsistence, chargeabl to symbol No. 29. Travel by privately owned automobile at the rate of 4¢ a mile, if more economical and advantageous to the United States than travel by commercial carrier, authorized. If travel is by privately owned automobile, a statement certifying that such travel is more economical and advantageous than travel by commercial carrier must be attached to the voucher.

[redacted]

This notification is subject to the provisions on the reverse hereof, when applicable.

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Morgan

H. L. MORGAN, Jr. Administrative Assistant.

(HEAD OF BUREAU OR DIVISION)

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PAGE:

Date Prepared June 4, 1941.

Name: Steinbiss, Thomas J.

Station: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No.: 921

Cancellation of change in status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper	Keeper
Grade	Field (Range $1560-1920)	Field (Range $1380-1740)
Salary	$1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a.Stre.	$1440 p.a. plus $60 p.a.Stre.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters	Norfolk, Virginia	Norfolk, Virginia
Post of Duty	Seven-Foot Knoll L4.Sta.,Md.	Ragged Pt.Lt.Sta.,Md.
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C.G.	Civilian Employees, C.G.
Allotment		

FIELD ☒ DEPRTMTL. ☐ FIELD ☒ DEPRTMTL. ☐

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Justification:

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Md.

SEX: M RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

*H.S.Atherton

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

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 6-20-10

DATE OF OATH

Approved: June 4, 1941.
Herbert E. Gaston,
Acting Secretary.

SUBORDINATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Date Prepared June 4, 1941.

Steinhise, Thomas J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No.: 921

Cancellation of change in status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper	Keeper
Grade	Field (Range $1560-1920)	Field (Range $1380-1740)
Salary	$1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a.Ctrs.	$1440 p.a. plus $60 p.a.Ctrs.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters	Norfolk, Virginia	Norfolk, Virginia
Post of Duty	Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta.,Md.	Ragged Pt.Lt.Sta.,Md.
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C.G.	Civilian Employees, C.G.
Allotment		

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EFFECTIVE

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Justification:

Approved: June 4, 1941.
/s/ Herbert E. Gaston,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

ACCOUNTS AND COLLECTIONS, BOOKKEEPING

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Md.

SEX: M RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

-H.S.Atherton

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

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 6-20-10

DATE OF OATH

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Date Prepared: June 4, 1941.

U.S. COAST GUARD
JUN 25 1941
NORFOLK DISTRICT

Steinhise, Thomas J.

U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No.: 921

Cancellation of change in status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

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Position	Keeper	Keeper
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Salary	$1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a.tre.	$1440 p.a. plus $60 p.a.tre.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters	Norfolk, Virginia	Norfolk, Virginia
Post of Duty	Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta.,Md.	Ragged Pt.Lt.Sta.,Md.
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C.G.	Civilian Employees, C.G.
Allotment		

EFFECTIVE: FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☐ — FIELD ☒ DEPRTMTL. ☐

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Justification: The transfer of Mr. Steinhise is for disciplinary purposes. [illegible] station. In the new assignment he will be subordinate to another keeper who will have responsibility for the accomplishment of the maintenance and other work required at the station.

The recommendation for transfer of this employee was submitted to the Department on October 11, 1940, but was not received back in this office with the Department's approval until December 10, 1940. Mr. Steinhise became ill and the Marine Hospital at Baltimore advised that his health was very poor and his changes to return to normal occupation are slight. Therefore, in view of his age and [illegible] conditions, it was impracticable to effect the transfer, and although it was proposed for disciplinary purposes, it is recommended that it be cancelled for the reasons stated.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Md.

SEX: M — RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION: NEW — ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY — VICE: *

*H.S.Atherton

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

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? 6-20-16

DATE OF OATH

Approved: June 4, 1941.
/s/ Herbert E. Gaston,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

21 March, 1941.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station; Transfer; Retirement.

Reference: (a) Personnel Notification - Form 2249.

Inclosure: (A) Reference (a) in quadruplicate.

1. It is requested that inclosure (A), approving transfer of subject employee to position of Assistant Keeper, Ragged Point Light Station, be canceled. It is anticipated that recommendation for retirement of Mr. Steinhise on account of disability will be forwarded shortly.

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction.

NOMINATION

...HOUSE DISTRICT Norfolk, Va. (City) 27 Sept. (Date), 19 40

...dant:
...ONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

...ion recommended Transfer and Reduction

Name Thomas J. Steinhise Date of birth 29 Sept., 1878 Legal residence Md.

	From—	To—
Position,	Keeper	Asst. Keeper
Pay and grade	$1620 p.a.($1560-1920) Plus $60 for qtrs.	$1440 p.a.($1380-1740) Plus $60 for qtrs.
Station	Seven-Foot Knoll Lt. Sta., Md.	Ragged Pt. Lt. Sta., Md.
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C. G.	Civilian Employees, C. G.

Effective 16 October, 1940. { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Vice M. S. Atherton Pay $1380 p.a. Services terminated 29 June, 1939

Reason Transfer and Promotion

REMARKS:[2] Mr. Steinhise is entitled to military preference. Travel is recommended from Baltimore, Md., to Valley Lee, Md., inasmuch as transfer is in the interest of the Government.

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

..... C. J. SULLIVAN,
Manager, Civil Service District. By direction *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, , 19

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.
[2] In case of vessel officer, state license held.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Norfolk, Va., 27 Sept., 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Lt. Sta.,
c/o Marine Hospital,
Baltimore, Md.

1. You are today being nominated by this office for transfer to position of Assistant Keeper at Ragged Point Light Station, with pay at the rate of $1440 per annum.

2. You will be further advised as to when to report for duty.

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction.

ADDRESS THE COMMANDANT, U. S. COAST GUARD
AND REFER TO No. CP-75

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON 10 September, 1940

U. S. COAST GUARD
SEP 12 1940
NORFOLK DISTRICT

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, Norfolk District.

Subject: Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station.

Reference: (a) Your letter of 28 August, 1940.(75).

Inclosure: 1. Yellow carbon copy of reference (a).

1. Your office may submit nomination Form 73 for Keeper Steinhise's transfer in accordance with paragraph two of reference (a) upon the occurrence of a suitable vacancy.

2. This letter should be cited as your office's authority on Form 73.

3. Inclosure is herewith returned.

By direction,

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

To Asst. Kpr - Ragged Pt.

CP-75

10 September, 1940

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, Norfolk District.

Subject: Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station.

Reference: (a) Your letter of 28 August, 1940.(75).

Inclosure: 1. Yellow carbon copy of reference (a).

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3. Inclosure is herewith returned.

By direction,

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

Steinhise, Thomas Jefferson
(Name in full - Surname first)

Unit Seven Foot Knoll Lt. Sta District Norfolk

Born Sept. 29, 1878 (Date) At Leonardtown, Md.

Civil Service Classification ——— Present Position Keeper

Date of Appointment Jan. 29, 1919 Citizenship Amer. Race white

Annual Compensation $1620 $60. $1680 Per Diem No
Pay Allowances Total Yes or No

Total creditable service - to and including 31 March 1940 for retirement under:

Lighthouse Service Retirement Act 13 (Yrs) 14 (Mos) 17 (Days)
Civil Service Retirement Act ——— (Yrs) ——— (Mos) ——— (Das)

Previous Military Service: (Give branch of service and dates between which service was performed: 6-?-98 to ? (Never Discharged) U.S. Army
(Military Service not Included)

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2240
REV. 1-41

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Personnel

TO:

Date Prepared: June 4, 1941.

Name: Steinbiss, Thomas J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No.: 1241

Retirement, disability

	FROM	TO
Position Grade Salary	Keeper Field (Range $1560-1920) $1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Qtrs.	
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	
Headquarters Post of Duty Appropriation Allotment	Norfolk, Virginia Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta., Md. Civilian Employees, C. G.	

FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☒ FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☐

EFFECTIVE close April 30, 1941.

Remarks:

The annual rate of retired pay is $605.89.

Justification:

Total service: 15 years and 22 days.

Computation: ($1609.16 x 15.0611 ÷ 40) $605.89.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-28-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Maryland

SEX: M | RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

HAS C. S. COMM. ALLOWED VETERAN'S PREFERENCE? No

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act

DATE OF OATH

Eff: 4/30/41 Granted 6/25/41

SUBORDINATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY: JUN 24 1941

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9 May, 1941.

Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Marine Hospital,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

It is the understanding of this office that Thomas J. Steinhise, lighthouse keeper, has been a patient at your hospital since 14 April, 1941.

It is requested that this office be advised as to Mr. Steinhise's present condition and that form 2523, which was forwarded with our letter of 29 March, 1941, be executed and returned in duplicate as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

C. J. SULLIVAN,
Lt. Commander, U. S. Coast Guard.

Form 2655
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
Revised February 1938

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

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DATE 2 MAY, 1941

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OUTGOING HEADING

TEXT

ADVISE DATE AND TIME STEINHISE LEFT FOR HOSPITAL.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

INITIALS OF "RELEASING" OFFICER

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Norfolk, Va., 28 August, 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Charges against T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station.

Reference: (a) Inspection report 7 August, 1940.
(b) Copy charges neglect of duty, 17 Aug., 1940.
(c) Answer to charges, 24 Aug., 1940.

Inclosures: (1) Reference (a)
(2) Reference (b)
(3) Reference (c)

1. The answer in reference (c) to charges preferred in reference (b) against T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, is considered irrelevant and immaterial, and, therefore, unsatisfactory. In view of these facts, the charges are considered sustained.

2. It is, therefore, recommended that Keeper T. J. Steinhise be reduced to rating of Assistant Keeper and transferred to another station in the Norfolk District. It is recommended further that Keeper Steinhise be placed on probation for a period of one year.

3. For the information of Headquarters it can be stated that Steinhise will be eligible for retirement, if found physically incapable of performing his duties, in about six months. It is anticipated that his physical condition will be checked at that time to determine, among other considerations, his ability to continue in the service.

W. J. KEESTER,
Acting.

JCM/lmt RFK

Box 6312 South Station
Seven Foot Knoll
24 Aug,,1940.

Sir:

In answer to letter received August 24, 1940 today of lax to my duties, I am not guilty. I have not been well for a long time oweing to my injury and bad health. I have been a subject to and am still a subject of Superintendents or Commanders of their consideration. Any American says that I dont try to do my duty in regards to my duties to the Government of the United States (I have and my parents before me) I have never in my life failed to heed any caution to give my best efforts to do what I am told. I am and can submit to the President of the United States when I am compelled to, as a Loyal citizen with proper cooperation from the Government and my assistance to do my duty at all times.

Respectfully,

/s/ Thomas J. Steinhise,
Keeper.

Registered

17 August, 1940

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Keeper T.J. Steinhise,
Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station,
South Station - Box 6412,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Subject: Charges - neglect of duties.

Inclosure: (1) Copy of Inspection Report made 7 August, 1940.
(2) Copy of letter dated 18 October, 1937.

1. An inspection of your station on 7 August indicates that you have been lax in your duties to the extent that the station has deteriorated and become so very far below the standard required by the Coast Guard as to warrant the following charges:

2. You have failed to heed the caution given you by the former Superintendent of Lighthouses, in a letter dated 18 October, 1937, copy attached.

3. You are charged with neglect of duty in permitting the station to become into a deplorable condition. It is dirty, disorderly and in need of painting, as indicated in copy of the report of inspection made on 7 August, attached.

4. You will be given 21 days from this date to answer these charges. Your answer must be confined to the specific charges herein made and it must be expressed in temperate language as indicated in Paragraph 91, of the "Instructions to Employees of the U.S. Lighthouse Service, 1927", a copy of which is or should be on your station.

W. J. KEESTER,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Acting Commander, Norfolk District.

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W. J. KRESTER,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Acting Commander, Norfolk District.

Form 61

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

REPORT OF INSPECTION OF LIGHT STATION OR DEPOT

~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~

~~OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~ Commander, Norfolk DISTRICT,

16 August, 19 40

1. Name of aid, Seven Foot Knoll.
2. Inspected by N.C. MANYON, Commander on 7 August 19 40.
3. Does aid conform in characteristic and description to official lists? Yes.
4. Is the aid in efficient condition and does it function properly?
   (*a*) Light. Yes
   (*b*) Fog signal. Yes
   (*c*) _____
5. Is the station in clean and orderly condition? No.
6. Are records and correspondence files maintained properly? No. Needs files and instructions.
7. Are tools and supplies properly stored and cared for? No.
8. Does property return check with count of selected items? No.
9. Were surplus and condemned articles surveyed and disposed of? No.
10. Is the station in proper state of repair as to—
    (*a*) Work that can be done by the keepers? No.
    (*b*) Work that cannot be done by the keepers? Yes.
11. Station rating: Cleanliness, 60 ; orderliness, 60 ; operation, 100

12.

Personnel Rating		Name	Neatness	Conduct	Efficiency
	Keeper	Steinhise	Absent on leave		
	1st Asst.	Willis - Mile	80	80	80
	2d Asst.				

Scale of rating: 100=Excellent. 90=Good. 80=Average. 70=Fair. 60=Poor. 50=Very poor.

13. Remarks.—Give further information as may be necessary relative to negative answers to questions 3 to 10. Mention should be made of all important facts concerning the station.

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The condition of this station is deplorable. (See separate letter)

Paint room - very dirty and disorderly.
Bell room - " " .
Roof - needs painting.
Lantern storm panes - very dirty.
Metal on lens - dirty.
Upper galley deck needs painting.
Bell machinery - dirty.
Door leading from lower deck to kitchen - needs scraping and painting.
Food locker - dirty.
Floors - dirty, need scrubbing and refinishing.
Storm doors - need scraping and painting.
Kitchen floor - dirty.
Kitchen - needs scrubbing and painting.

MEMO for maintenance and repairs:
Station needs heating stove - MANUM 15 or equal.
Boat engine needs new eccentric straps and rocker arm.

COPY

NCM.:AGH

October 18, 1937.

Keeper,
7-Foot Knoll Light Station,
P.O.Box 6412, South Station,
Baltimore, Md.

Subject: Caution.

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3. The roof had been painted over scaling paint and rust. The station tools were rusty and the base of the fog signal machinery showed clearly that the usual care in handling the handle of this machine had not been taken.

4. You are hereby cautioned that your station must evidence great improvement in the future or it will be necessary to take definite disciplinary action to see that Government property is cared for in the manner prescribed in the Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service.

N. C. MANYON,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to: Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to: Commissioner of Lighthouses.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NORFOLK, VA.

OFFICE OF COMMANDER
NORFOLK DISTRICT

16 August, 1940.

MEMORANDUM TO COMMANDER KEESTER
THROUGH CHIEF OF STAFF

See attached

1. In view of the conditions found by the Inspecting Officer on 7 August, 1940, it is recommended that Thomas J. Steinhise, the Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll, be charged with gross neglect of duty in violation of Article 15 of the Instructions to Employees, of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1927, copy of which is shown by annual inventory to be on the station.

2. Attached please find copy of letter of caution dated 18 October, 1937, and correspondence relative charges preferred 28 December, 1939, and the findings thereof.

N. C. MANYON

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N. C. MANYON,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to: Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CP-75

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Norfolk, Virginia

8 February, 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Lt. Sta.,
Box 6412, South Sta.,
Baltimore, Md.

Subject: Charges, Violation of Par. 120 of Regulations to Employees.
Reference: (a) Headquarters' CP-75 of 7 February, 1940.

1. Herewith find reference (a) for your information, guidance, and files.

2. You are advised that a copy of said reference is filed in this Office with your personal file.

T. G. CRAPSTER.

from Commander, Norfolk District, 11 January 1940
Subject: Clark Indngr Lazaretto Depot.

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U.S. COAST GUARD
JAN 15 1940
NORFOLK DISTRICT

7 February, 1940.

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, Md.
(Through Commander, Norfolk District).

Headquarters has given careful consideration to your reply to charges in the matter of your having permitted the assistant keeper to bring intoxicating liquors to the station on his return from leave on 21 December, 1939, in violation of paragraph 120 of the Instructions to Employees. It is noted that Willie P. Willis, BM 1c., is assigned to the duties of assistant keeper at your station, and that upon his return from leave you observed that he brought intoxicating liquors to the station, but that you had doubts as to your authority to enforce the regulations in this instance, and that you departed from the station on leave under these circumstances. In consideration of the explanation submitted by you no action will be taken beyond cautioning you with regard to your responsibility as keeper in charge of the station, and yourattention is directed to the above cited paragraph of the Instruction for your future guidance.

By direction,

C. H. Jones,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief Personnel Officer.

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1st indorsement.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, Norfolk District.

The above copy is referred to your office for the files of this employee, attention being invited to the recommendation of your office in the matter under date of January 8. In consideration of the circumstances as well as the prior record of Keeper Steinhise, Headquarters deems the above letter of caution the appropriate action in this instance.

By direction,

C.H.Jones,
Chief Personnel Officer.

Commander, Norfolk District, 11 January 1940
Clark LtHEngr Lazaretto Depot.

U. S. COAST GUARD
JAN 15 1940
NORFOLK DISTRICT

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...has already been furnished you.

1. The Commander, Norfolk District, has directed that you be removed from seven Ft. Knobb Lt. Sta. and transported to the Curtis Bay Depot, for trial by general court.

S.F.CLARK 15 January, 1940.

2. A copy of any charge or specification against you is not available to this office.

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S.F.CLARK

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

U. S. COAST GUARD
JAN 15 1940
NORFOLK DISTRICT

Lazaretto Depot,
Baltimore,Md.

12 January,1940.

From:
To: S.F.Clark,L.H.Engr.
Thos.J.Steinhise,Keeper,Seven Ft.Knoll Lt.Sta.,thru
Subject: Master,tender MISTLETOE.
Trial,Willie P.Willis,BMlc,117-117.

1.Tender MISTLETOE will transport you to Baltimore.You are to report at Curtis Bay Depot not later than 0900 15 January,in connection with subject.A copy of interview of yourself by S.F.Clark 23 Dec.1939,has already been furnished you.

S.F.CLARK

2.A copy of any charge or specification against you is not available to this office.

S.F.CLARK

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

JAN 15 1940
NORFOLK DISTRICT

Lazaretto Depot,
Baltimore,Md.

12 January,1940

From: S.F.Clark,L.H.Engr.
To: Willie P.Willis,BMlc,111-117,through Master,tender MISTLETOE.

Subject: Outage,Seven Foot Knoll Light,21 Dec.,1939.

Inclosure: 1.Copy of interview of 23 Dec.1939,of yourself by S.F.Clark,L.H.Engr.

1.The Commander,Norfolk District,has directed that you be removed from Seven Ft.Knoll Lt. Sta. and transported to the Curtis Bay Depot,for trial by general court at 1000 15 January,1940.

2.A copy of any charge or specification against you is not available to this office.

S.F.CLARK

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

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12 January,1940.

From:
To: S.F.Clark, L.H.Engr.
L.B.Snowden,1st Officer,tender MISTLETOE,
through Master,Tender MISTLETOE

Subject: Trial,Willie P.Willis,EM1c,111-117.

1.You are to report at Curtis Bay Depot not later than 0900 15 January in connection with subject.Master,tender MISTLETOE will arrange for transportation and subsistence during the period of this temporary duty.

S.F.CLARK

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

Depot,
re,Md.

12 January,1940

From:
To: S.F.Clark,L.H.Engr.
John Brickhouse,Seaman,through Master,tender MISTLETOE.

Subject: Trial,Willie P.Willis,MMlc,M1-117

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

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12 January,1940

From:
To: S.F.Clark,L.H.Engr.
Lee Dodd,Seaman,through Master Tender MISTLETOE.
Subject: Trial,Willie P.Willis,BMlc,111-117.

1.You are to report at Curtis Bay Depot not later than 0900 15 January in connection with subject.Master,tender MISTLETOE will arrange to transport and subsist you during the period of this temporary duty.

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S.F.CLARK

2.The following members of MISTLETOE's crew are to report at the Curtis Bay Depot not later than 0900 15 January:

L.E.Snowden,1st Officer.
John Brickhouse,Seaman,
Lee Dodd,Seaman.

Since it is extremely desirable to maintain the complement of the MISTLETOE at full strength during the period of possible action in ice,Aubrey Biggs,1st Officer,VIOLET,will be detailed to relieve L.E.Snowden as necessary,pending latter's return to the MISTLETOE. Advise this office of other personnel required to maintain crew at full complement,in order that they may be obtained so far as practicable from VIOLET's crew.

3.Upon arrival of Willis at Lazaretto Depot,he will be furnished transportation,and accompanied to Curtis Bay Coast Guard Depot,and shall not be released until properly accompanied by a representative of this office.Keep this office advised of MISTLETOE's position so that transportation can be furnished for the men named in paragraph 2.Brickhouse,and Willis,Seaman may be released upon arrival at Lazaretto Depot,after handing him letter of instructions to be forwarded through you by this office.

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S.F.CLARK

Copy to Master,tender VIOLET.

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12 January 1940.

From:
To: S.F.Clark,L.H. Engr.
Master,tender MISTLETOE.

Subject: Personnel transportation.

1.This office is directed by the Commander,Norfolk District, to have tender MISTLETOE remove,13 January 1940,Thos.J.Steinhise, Keeper,and Willie P.Willis,MMlc,111-117,from Seven Foot Knoll light station.These men are to be relieved during their absence by two seamen,one to be selected by you from the MISTLETOE's crew,and one to be selected by Master,tender VIOLET,from his crew.The seamen manning the light station are to be instructed properly as to responsibilities and duties,and sufficient necessary expendable supplies are to be left on station to insure their welfare,considering the possibility of a sudden change in ice conditions preventing their relief for some time.

2.The following members of MISTLETOE's crew are to report at the Curtis Bay Depot not later than 0900 15 January:

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Lee Dodd,Seaman.

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S.F.CLARK

Copy to Master,tender VIOLET.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

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12 January,1940.

From: S.F.Clark,L.H.Engr.
To: Master,tender VIOLET.

Subject: Personnel transportation.

Reference: (a)Letter from this office to Master,tender MISTLETOE, 12 January,1940.

Inclosure: 1.Reference(a).

1.This office is directed by the Commander,Norfolk District, to have Aubrey Diggs,1st Officer,tender VIOLET,detailed to the MISTLETOE to relieve L.B.Snowden as necessary per reference(a).

2.One seaman is to be selected by you from your crew to relieve, together with one seaman to be selected by Master MISTLETOE from his crew,personnel at Seven Ft.Knoll,as necessary per reference(a).

3.Such other men of your crew as you may select,in appropriate classification,are to be furnished to the Master,tender MISTLETOE, to bring MISTLETOE'S crew to full complement,especially during the period of possible action in ice.

S.F.CLARK

Copy to Master,MISTLETOE.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

Lazaretto Depot,
Baltimore,Md.

12 January,1940

From: S.F.Clark,L.H.Engr.
To: Master,tender SPEEDWELL

Subject: Vessel complement.

1.The attention of this office has been directed by the Commander,Norfolk District,to necessity of seeing that your complement is maintained,especially during the period of possible action in ice.

2.If additional crew members are required to maintain full complement,advise this office,and arrangements will be made to obtain members from the crew of the VIOLET,if practicable.

S.F.CLARK

Cop y to Master,tender VIOLET.

Norfolk, Virginia
12 January, 1940

MEMORANDUM TO CAPTAIN CRAPSTER:

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
For: S. F. Clark, L. H. Rogg,
Lazaretto Depot.

As you are aware, both keepers at Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station are under charges; both may be discharged at any time.

I would, therefore, suggest that a Coast Guard man be sent to Seven-Foot Knoll at the earliest practicable date to act as relief keeper, and to continue until the future status of the present keepers has been finally determined.

N. C. MANYON.

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

Norfolk, Virginia

11 January, 1940

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: S. F. Clark, L. H. Engr.,
Lazaretto Depot.

1. Attached herewith find orders relative general court marshall dispatch BG V HM 10 RADIO CURTISBAY MD CK48 GOVT TRSY ELEVENTH 0952, of 11 January. In compliance therewith you will order the Mistletoe to proceed to Seven Foot Knoll on Saturday 13 January to remove Willis and Steinhise. Upon arrival of Willis at the depot he is to be accompanied and furnished transportation to the Curtis Bay Coast Guard Depot. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll, is to be advised that he is to report at the Curtis Bay Coast Guard Depot not later than 0900 on 15 January, 1940.

2. In addition, you will please see that the following named personnel are available at 0900 on 15 January:

S. F. Clark, L. H. Engr.
L. B. Snowden, 1st Officer - Tender Mistletoe
John Brickhouse, Seaman - Tender Mistletoe
Lee Dodd, Seaman - Tender Mistletoe

3. You will man Seven-Foot Knoll with two seamen - one from the Mistletoe and one from the Violet, during the absence of Willis and Steinhise. You will also detail Diggs, First Officer, Tender Violet, to the Mistletoe, pending the return of Snowden.

4. Your attention is invited to the extreme desirability of seeing that the complements of the Mistletoe and Speedwell are maintained, especially during the period of possible action in ice.

5. You will please advise Steinhise, Willis, Snowden, the two seamen and the Commanding Officers of the various vessels involved relative the actions indicated to avoid any possibility of misunderstanding.

N. C. MANYON,
By direction.

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

DATE 11 JAN., 1940

INCOMING HEADING

BC V HM 10 RADIO CURTISBAY MD CK48 GOVT TRSY ELEVENTH 0952

TEXT

GOVT TRSY COMDR NORFOLK DIST USCG NORFOLK - 111430 WILLIE P WILLIS BM FIRST ATTACHED SEVEN FOOT KNOLL LIGHT WILL BE TRIED BY GENERAL COURT CONVENED AT DEPOT AT 1000 JANUARY FIFTEENTH PERIOD REQUEST YOU HAVE ALL PERSONS CONNECTED WITH TRIAL PRESENT AT DEPOT AT THAT HOUR - COMMANDANT DEPOT.

COPY: PERSONNEL.

OPERATOR'S RECORD

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(IF RELAYED, SERVICE ON REVERSE)

FROM

DEPOT

INITIALS OF "ACTION" OFFICER

TO (FOR ACTION)

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TO (FOR INFORMATION)

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REMARKS:

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GOVT TRSY COMDR NORFOLK DIST USCG NORFOLK - 111430 WILLIE P WILLIS BM FIRST ATTACHED SEVEN FOOT KNOLL LIGHT WILL BE TRIED BY GENERAL COURT CONVENED AT DEPOT AT 1000 JANUARY FIFTEENTH PERIOD REQUEST YOU HAVE ALL PERSONS CONNECTED WITH TRIAL PRESENT AT DEPOT AT THAT HOUR - COMMANDANT DEPOT.

COPY: PERSONNEL.

OPERATOR'S RECORD

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Norfolk, Virginia

6 January, 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Charges against T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Ft. Knoll Light Station.
Enclosures: (a) Copy of charges.
(b) Answer to charges.
(c) Copy of report of investigation outage Seven-Ft. Knoll Light Station.

1. Under enclosure (a) there is transmitted copy of charges addressed to T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, under date of 28 December, 1939. Under enclosure (b) there is transmitted herewith Mr. Steinhise's reply to these charges.

2. After considering all the facts in this case, it is my opinion that Keeper Steinhise is guilty as charged. Furthermore, there is strong evidence to show that he left the station without being regularly relieved, in which connection see enclosure (c).

3. After giving all the facts full thought and consideration, I recommend that Thomas J. Steinhise be dismissed from the Coast Guard Service.

T. C. CRAWFORD.

~~Commandant~~

From - Commander Norfolk District

To - Commandant

Subject: Charges against T. J. Stevenson Keeper Thos F Rowe Light Station -

References - (a) Copy of Charges
(b) answer to Charges
(c) Copy of report of investigation Outage Thos F. Rowe -

Findings - Thomas J. Stevenson, Keeper is found guilty as charged -

Recommendations - In view of the fact that in addition to the violation ~~of~~ of regulations cited in charges, there is strong evidence to show that he left station without being regularly relieved, in that, as shown in investigation of outage, the Asst Keeper, was in a partially intoxicated condition at that time.

Therefore it is recommended that Thomas J. Stevenson Keeper Thos Point Rock Light Station, be ~~discharged~~ dismissed from the Coast Guard for the reasons herein before stated

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Norfolk, Virginia
29 December, 1939

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To : Commandant.

Subject: Charges and specifications preferred against WILLIS, Willie P. (111-117), B.M.1c., U. S. Coast Guard, by the Commander, Norfolk District.

Reference: (a) Letter from Engineer in Charge, Lazaretto Depot, Baltimore, Maryland, 26 December, 1939.

Inclosure:
1. Reference (a).
2. Testimony of WILLIS, Willie P. (111-117), B.M.1c.
3. Testimony of John Brickhouse, Seaman, MISTLETOE.
4. Testimony of Lee Dodd, Seaman, MISTLETOE.
5. Testimony of L. B. Snowden, 1st Officer, MISTLETOE.
6. Testimony of Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station.
7. Charges and specifications preferred against WILLIS, Willie P. (111-117), B.M.1c., U. S. Coast Guard, by the Commander, Norfolk District.

1. Inclosures 1 to 7, inclusive, are forwarded herewith for the information and necessary action of Headquarters.

2. In view of the fact that the MISTLETOE, whose personnel made the investigation, is in Baltimore, and that WILLIS is still doing duty on Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, it is recommended that Headquarters order a court composed of officers from Headquarters or from units now undergoing repairs at the Depot, as there will be a considerable saving in travel expense if this procedure is followed. If it is necessary to convene a court at Norfolk, it will involve travel expense for the court, the prosecutor and the reporter, which will amount to something over $100.00. The greater part of this amount would be saved if the court is made up of officers from a unit which may now be undergoing repairs at the Depot.

T. C. CRAPSTER.

January 5 1940

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Commander of U.S.C.G. Norfolk District

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I Beg Jones for all Concerned

Respectfully Thomas J. Steinhise

Keeper

(3)

Baltimore Md. January 5th - 1940

To The Commander of U.S.C.G. Norfolk District

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Norfolk, Virginia

From: Commander, Norfolk District
To: T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven Foot Knoll Light Station,
Box 6412 - South Station,
Baltimore, Md.

28 December, 1939

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3. Your reply to the charges must be in temperate language, free from countercharges, and relate specifically to the matters referred to in the charges. See in this connection Par. 91, "Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1927."

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T. G. CHAPUTIER.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.,
26 December, 1939.

From: Engineer in charge, Lazaretto Depot.
To: Commander Norfolk District.

Subject: Outage, Seven Foot Knoll Light, 21 Dec., 1939.

Reference: (a) Telephone request from Mr. Bartlett, Commander's office, that investigation be made. (Telephone request about 0230 22 Dec. 1939 relayed to Eng. in Chge Lazaretto Depot at 0700 22 Dec. 1939.)

Inclosure:
1. Interview with W.P. Willis, BMlc, 111-117, 23 Dec. 1939.
2. " " John Brickhouse, Seaman, MISTLETOE, ".
3. " " Lee Dodd, Seaman, MISTLETOE, ".
4. " " L.B. Snowden, 1st Officer, MISTLETOE, ".
5. " " Thos. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, 23 Dec., 1939.

1. Upon receipt of reference (a) proceeded to Lazaretto Depot, and upon securing services of Mr. Frazier to act as substitute keeper, subject light station, per telephone authority from Commander's office, after loading of two sets six cells each Willard cells, and other material on tender MISTLETOE, proceeded to Seven Foot Knoll Light Station. Tender left Lazaretto Depot about 1530 Dec. 22. Upon arrival at Seven Foot Knoll it was considered inadvisable to attempt landing, therefore tender proceeded to Upper Chesapeake Lighted Bell Buoy 5, relighting same 1710. Tender anchored off Swan Pt. overnight awaiting favorable landing conditions at Seven Ft. Knoll.

2. Arrived off Seven Ft. Knoll about 0830 Dec. 23, p ut Mr. Frazier aboard light station, and took off W.P. Willis, BMlc, with two seamen attached to tender MISTLETOE. About 1100 Dec. 23, boarded the light station in company of 1st Officer, commanding tender MISTLETOE, and returned W.P. Willis, BMlc to station. Station and records inspected. Condition of station records noted in station Journal. Description of station records as of 1030 Dec. 23 follows:

(a) Last entry in watch book-"SD to SR 20 Dec., T.J. Steinhise"
(b) Last entries in Form 308 (Record of absences)-
"Willie P. Willis 6 Dec. 2pm-Liberty
T.J. Steinhise 21 Dec. 1230pm-Liberty"

Station searched for liquor, none found. Expendable necessary supplies noted and considered adequate.

S.F. CLARK.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.
26 December 1939.

...with W.P.Willis, BM1c, aboard
MISTLETOE, 0855 23 Dec., 1939, by Engineer in charge, Lazaretto Dep.

1. The following statement was read:
"This is an investigation to endeavor to get the facts relating to the outage of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station from sunset 21 Dec.1939 to 0010 22 Dec.1939."
Q. What is your name, rating or rank, and number?
A. Willie P. Willis, BM1c, 111-117.
Q. On what date in December were you authorized to leave the light station for shore liberty?
A. December sixth, I think.
Q. On what date did this leave expire?
A. December twenty first.
Q. On what date and what time did you return to the light station, and by what means?
A. I returned 11 am December 21, 1939, by hired boat.
Q. Did you light the main light at Seven Foot Knoll at sunset 21 December 1939?
A. No.

2. Before p utting the following questions, Willis was advised that he might answer, or refuse to answer by so stating, the following questions. He was advised that at this time, no specifications or charges were pending against him.
Q. For what reason was the light not lighted?
A. Went to sleep.
Q. At what time did you fall asleep?
A. Around 4 or 5 pm.
Q. Was the Keeper, Seven Ft. Knoll Lt. Sta., aboard the station at sunset 21 Dec., 1939?
A. No, he wasn't.
Q. What time did the Keeper leave the station on 21 Dec., 1939?
A. Around noon.
Q. On what date were you attached to Seven Ft. Knoll Lt. Sta.?
A. Fifth of October, 1939.
Q. Did you understand that it was your duty to light the light on Seven Ft. Knoll Lt. Sta., at sunset on 21 Dec. 1939?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you wish to make any further statement?
A. No.

3. The following additional questions were asked at about 1030 Dec. 23, aboard tender MISTLETOE, the statement at head of paragraph 2 being repeated before the questions were put.
Q. Were you drinking intoxicating liquor on the light station on 21 Dec., 1939?
A. No.
Q. Did you bring any intoxicating liquor aboard the light station on 21 Dec. 1939?
A. No.

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Eng. in charge, Lazaretto Depot.

United States Coast Guard

Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.
26 December, 1939.

...ew of Lee Dodd, Seaman,
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Q. What is your name, rating, and vessel?
A. Lee Dodd, Seaman, Acting Quartermaster, tender MISTLETOE.
Q. Did you board the light station on either of the mentioned dates, and at what time?
A. Yes; at 12 oclock midnight 22nd of Dec. 1939.
Q. Did you observe the station p ersonnel?
A. Yes.
Q. Describe condition of station and personnel.
A. Man in station was in bed, did not see any light.
Q. Did you remain on station and for how long?
A. Yes; until this morning.
Q. Did anyone else from tender MISTLETOE go on station with you?
A. Yes; John Brockhouse.
Q. Did you see any liquor on the station?
A. I saw something in a bottle, which was on the floor near the bed when station was boarded.
Q. Were you in the tower before the light was relighted on Dec. 22?
A. No.
Q. Is there a stove on the light station?
A. Yes.
Q. Was there a fire in the stove on Dec. 22 when you boarded the station?
A. Yes.
Q.

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S. F. CLARK
Eng. in chge,
Lazaretto Depot.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.
26 December, 1939.

...iew of L.B.Snowden, 1st Officer,
...rd tender MISTLETOE, 1630 23 Dec., 1939, by Eng. in chge, Laz. Depot.

1. The following statement was read:
"This is an investigation to endeavor to get the facts relating to the outage of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station from sunset 21 Dec. 1939 to 0010 22 Dec. 1939."

Q. What is your name and position?
A. L.B.Snowden, 1st Officer, tender MISTLETOE.
Q. When was an outage of the light first reported to you?
A. At 930pm Dec. 21, 1939 by night watchman, Lazaretto Depot, who relayed message from USS Calypso that SS President Warfield Old Bay Line had reported the light out.
Q. What was your first action upon receipt of this report?
A. Verified report and found it to be true.
Q. Where was tender MISTLETOE at time of first report?
A. At Lazaretto Depot.
Q. Were any further reports received, and from whom?
A. At 954pm from Mr. Bartlett in Norfolk by telephone.
Q. What was your action upon receipt of these reports?
A. Proceeded to Seven Ft. Knoll light; 1140 pm anchored off Seven Foot Knoll light.
Q. Did you board the light station and at what time?
A. Yes at twelve midnight.
Q. Were other men taken aboard the light station and if so who?
A. John Brickhouse, Emery Ridgell, and Lee Dodd.
Q. Did you observe the station personnel?
A. Yes.
Q. Describe condition of station and personnel.
A. Light extinguished. When I boarded the light, I first spoke to the Assistant Keeper, and asked him what was the trouble. He said he would light the light. After seeing his condition, I took Seaman Brickhouse, proceeded to tower, lit the light, took down lens curtains, and came downstairs. I took second look at Assistant Keeper, who was lying in bed, and his condition apparently was not of such nature as to intelligently converse. Owing to strong NW wind and rough sea, my men in boat were unable to keep off rocks. I had to leave station at once, leaving two men, John Brickhouse, and Lee Dodd. I gave them orders to keep the light, start fog signal if necessary, keep watch around the station, and watch the Assistant Keeper. They were ordered to remain there until picked up by the tender.
Q. Is it your opinion that the Assistant Keeper was intoxicated?
A. Yes.
Q. On what indications do you base such opinion?
A. By smell of liquor in the living room when I entered it, and by his general behavior and actions.
Q. Did you see any liquor on the station?
A. No, I did not make search.
Q. Was there a fire in the stove on station? at time of boarding?
A. Yes.
Q. What was condition of the living room?
A. There was one blanket on the floor and a suitcase on the floor.
Q. Did you consider that the Assistant Keeper was in need of medical attention?
A. No.

S.F.CLARK, Engr. in charge, Laz. Depot.

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Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.
26 December, 1939.

...terview of Thos.J.Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Ft.Knoll Lt.Sta., 2245 23 Dec., 1939 at 1506 S.Charles St., Baltimore, Md., by Eng.in charge, Lazaretto Depot.

1.Q.What is your name, rank, and station?
A.Thomas J.Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Ft.Knoll Lt.Sta.
Q.On what date in Dec.1939 was the Asst Keeper authorized to leave the light station on liberty?
A.The fifth.
Q.On what date did this leave expire?
A.To best of my knowledge, 15 days after Dec.5.
Q.On what date and at what time did the Asst Keeper return to the light station and by what means?
A.Around 1130am on Dec. 21st with Mr.Lewis from Bodkin Creek by boat.
Q.Did you leave the light station on 21 Dec., 1939?
A.Yes.
Q.At what time?
A.One pm
Q.Did you properly instruct the Assistant Keeper in his duties before leaving station?
A.Yes.
Q.At the time you left the station did you consider that the Asst. Keeper was capable of performing these duties?
A.Yes.
Q.Did the Asst Keeper bring any intoxicating liquor aboard the light station on 21 Dec.1939?
A.Yes.
Q.In what quantity and what was its nature?
A.A quart and another bottle about 2/3 full of Calvert whiskey, and one p int gin.
Q.Did the Asst.Keeper drink any intoxicating liquor aboard the light station on 21 Dec.1939?
A.I never saw it.
Q.Is it your opinion that the Asst Keeper was intoxicated at the time he boarded the light station 21 Dec.1939?
A.Partly.
Q.On what do you base this opinion?
A.Had I been in a boat I would not have been afraid for him to have been at the helm.
Q.Did the Assistant Keeper have any difficulty boarding the station?
A.No.
Q.Did you take any steps toward removing the liquor from station or destroying it?
A.No.
Q.Are any other facts known to you which you believe should be stated at this time?
A.No.

2.Before putting the questions listed in 1.above, the following statement was read. "This is an investigation to endeavor to get the facts relating to the cut... of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station from sunset 21 Dec.1939, to 0010 22 Dec.1939."

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...zaretto Depot.

Attentive Personnel

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REPORT OF INSPECTION OF LIGHT STATION OR DEPOT

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Norfolk DISTRICT.
Commander,

16 August, 1940.

1. Name of aid. Seven Foot Knoll.
2. Inspected by N. C. MANYON, Commander on 7 August, 1940.
3. Does aid conform in characteristic and description to official lists? Yes.
4. Is the aid in efficient condition and does it function properly?
(a) Light. Yes

16 August, 1940.

MEMORANDUM TO COMMANDER KEESTER
THROUGH CHIEF OF STAFF

1. In view of the conditions found by the Inspecting Officer on 7 August, 1940, it is recommended that Thomas J. Steinhise, the Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll, be charged with gross neglect of duty in violation of Article 15 of the Instructions to Employees, of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1927, copy of which is shown by annual inventory to be on the station.

2. Attached please find copy of letter of caution dated 18 October, 1937, and correspondence relative charges preferred 28 December, 1939, and the finds.

5. Is the station in clean and orderly condition? No.
6. Are records and correspondence files maintained properly? No. Needs files and instructions.
7. Are tools and supplies properly stocked and cared for? No
(b) Work that cannot be done by the keepers? Yes.

	Keeper	Steinhise			
	1st Asst.	Willis - Sick	80	80	80
	2d Asst.				

Scale of rating: 100=Excellent. 90=Good. 80=Average. 70=Fair. 60=Poor. 50=Very poor.

13. Remarks.—Give further information as may be necessary relative to negative answers to questions 3 to 10. Mention should be made of all important facts concerning the station.

N. C. MANYON

The condition of this station is deplorable. (See separate letter)

Paint room - very dirty and disorderly.
Bell room - " "
Roof - needs painting.
Lantern storm panes - very dirty.
Metal on lens - dirty.
Upper gallery deck needs painting.
Bell machinery - dirty.
Door leading from lower deck to kitchen - needs scraping and painting.
Food locker - dirty.
Floors - needs scrubbing and refinishing.
Storm doors - needs scraping and painting.
Kitchen stove - dirty.
Kitchen - needs scrubbing and painting.

File
Mc Lemore
22 May 41

MEMO for maintenance and repairs:
Station needs heating stove - MANCHU 15 or equal.
Boat engine needs new eccentric straps and rocker arm.

OFFICE OF ~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,~~ Commander, Norfolk DISTRICT,

16 August, 1940.

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3. Does aid conform in characteristic and description to official lists? Yes.
4. Is the aid in efficient condition and does it function properly?
   (*a*) Light. Yes
   (*b*) Fog signal. Yes
   (*c*) _____
5. Is the station in clean and orderly condition? No.
6. Are records and correspondence files maintained properly? No. Needs files and instructions.
7. Are tools and supplies properly stored and cared for? No.
8. Does property return check with count of selected items? No.
9. Were surplus and condemned articles surveyed and disposed of? No.
10. Is the station in proper state of repair as to—
    (*a*) Work that can be done by the keepers? No.
    (*b*) Work that cannot be done by the keepers? Yes.
11. Station rating: Cleanliness, 60 ; orderliness, 60 ; operation, 100

12.

PERSONNEL RATING		Name	Neatness	Conduct	Efficiency
	Keeper	Steinhise	Absent on leave		
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	2d Asst.				

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COPY

NCM.:AGH

October 18, 1937.

Keeper,
7-Foot Knoll Light Station,
P.O.Box 6412, South Station,
Baltimore, Md.

Subject: Caution.

1. An inspection of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station by the Superintendent on October 11 found the maintenance of the station far below the standards of the Lighthouse Service.

2. The exterior was being painted in a very slovenly manner, the red lead being permitted to run and presenting a very unsightly appearance.

3. The roof had been painted over scaling paint and rust. The station tools were rusty and the base of the fog signal machinery showed clearly that the usual care in handling the handle of this machine had not been taken.

4. You are hereby cautioned that your station must evidence great improvement in the future or it will be necessary to take definite disciplinary action to see that Government property is cared for in the manner prescribed in the Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service.

N. C. MANYON,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to: Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Date 1/19/39 19 .

Letter To:

KEEPERS- T.J.Steinhise

Subject: PERSONAL NEATNESS, CONDUCT and EFFICIENCY

Personnel Rating- below 80%

Filed: EFFICIENCY REPORTS AND STARS- Folder No. 4 2 5

Referred To:

Copy To:

Also See:

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CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

Date Jan. 19, 1939 19 .

Letter To:

Keepers

Subject: Station inspections for calendar year 1938

Your station ~~extinguishes~~ averaged below 80% in Cleanliness Ordilness and Operation.

Filed: ~~efficiency payments and stars~~ folder No. 425

Referred To:

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Also See:

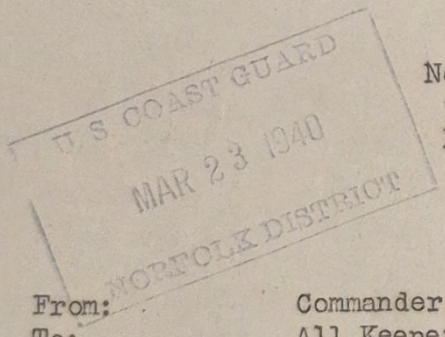
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



Norfolk, Virginia

18 March, 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: All Keepers and Asst. Keepers.

Supt.
Asst Supt
Chief Clk
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Asst Engr. (1)
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1. You are directed to fill in below the place of your birth and return this letter to District Office by return mail.

Place of Birth Leonardtown Maryland

Name Thomas J. Steinhice

N. C. MANYON,
By direction.

CP-75

Norfolk, Virginia

13 February, 1940

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station,
Box 6412, South Sta.,
Baltimore, Md.

Subject: Orders received 5 February, 1940.
Reference: Your letter 12 February, 1940.

1. You are advised that the orders which were handed you and which you were required to sign were issued in exact similar detail to many of the lighthouse keepers who have recently left Baltimore for various stations during the recent severe ice conditions. It can be stated that you were the only man who made any objection whatever to signing such an order, and the reason for the issuance of such orders was to insure that the personnel had provisions upon the station, that they were in good health, and to advise them as to the distress signals to be used in the event of an emergency.

2. You have stated that you went to the Public Health Service at least ten times during the year 1939. It is the presumption of this Office that during such times you have been very carefully and thoroughly examined, and if there is anything seriously the matter with you, such as would incapacitate you for your full duties, such a statement could have been obtained by you, or, if requested by this Office, relative you, stating that you were unqualified physically to perform your full duties. In view of the lack of such a request or submission by you of evidence by you from the Public Health Service that you are not capable physically to perform your duties, this Office will anticipate that you will perform these duties, and until such statement is received from the U. S. Public Health Service, you will be held fully responsible for the performance of such duties, which include the maintenance of the station to which you are attached.

3. The records of this Office indicate that there has been considerable complaint made by inspecting officers relative the condition of your station, and it would seem to be well for you to give this particular portion of your duties your fullest consideration.

Respectfully,

N. C. MANYON,
By direction.

Treasury Department

U.S. Coast Guard

Copy of orders issued Thos J Steinhise at Baltimore Md

U.S. COAST GUARD FEB 13 1940 NAVAL DISTRICT

Norfolk

Tender Violet

5 February 1940

I have this day Been placed on Seven foot Knoll Lighthouse. I am In Good health so far as I know. I have Provisions for 30 days. I Will Exercise Caution In sounding Fog Signal so It may not Be Considered as a distress Signal. I will use the following signals In the event I am In distress

By Day: Ware or display the National Ensign Upside Down.

By night Ware a Lantern or make SOS ... --- ...

on hand flashlight

Thomas J. Steinhise

Keeper

I am Taking Medicine from Public Health service

and I dont enjoy my ... In my old days. I cannot resigne as I have a wife and one child depending on my Income. knowingly I havent done anything to Be Worthy of Being removed. out Bound from Baltimore to this station, I Was handed the attach orders a Copy with no official signature on It. I am asking for some advice on subject as My Leave or Notice of Keepers Leave had on It Medical treatment on It Dr Hart treated me at the Coston House

Respectfully

Thomas J. Steinhise

Keeper

Dept. Asst Supt. Chief Clk. Asst Engr. Asst. Engr. (2) Asst. Engr. (3) Insp. Engr. Mydrog. Accounts Architect Personnel Cost Kpr. Prop. Clk. Stock Materials

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NORFOLK, VA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

U. S. COAST GUARD
FEB 13 1940
NORFOLK DISTRICT

FIFTH DISTRICT

Seven foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 12, 1940

To The Commander U.S.C.G. Norfolk Va

Sir

In the year of 1939. I Thomas J. Steinhice Keeper of this station Went to the Public Health service as to the Marine Hospital at Norfolk at 10 times for treatment for one thing or other. I haven't been a well man Perfectly since 1933 the august storm. I have to take 2 kinds of Medicine each meal. On January 9 I dident renew it and Was out and suffering from Pain. When the Postletoe came and Haul this Station, I didnot ask him to take me off I told the second mate I Was going ashore the next day he Went to the tender and return for me I told him I Was In need of Medical attention. and so I Was. and that No Violation as I can see. since May 16-1939 I have had at this Stations 4 new men some of Which Would Undertake or try to run this old Engine except Clyde M. Farrow and truthfully I have all the going after Mail & Provision and I dont Enjoy any Liberty. I am entitle to some time In my old days. I Cannot resigne as I have a Wife & one Child depending on my Income. knowingly I haven't done anything to Be Worthy of Being reproved. Out Bound from Baltimore to this station, I Was handed the attach orders a Copy With no official signature on It. I am asking for some advice on subject as My Leave or Notice of Keeper Leave had on It Medical treatment on It Dr Hart treated me at the Seaton House

Respectfully

Thomas J. Steinhice
Keeper

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To Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station.

12 lbs. flour - (a) 4¢ = .48 lb.
2 doz. eggs (a) 34¢ = .68 Norfolk, Va.
6 lbs. beef (a) 23¢ = 1.84

$3.00

12 February, 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven Foot Knoll Light Station,
South Station, Box 6412,
Baltimore, Md.

There is forwarded herewith a memorandum from the Tender VIOLET in which it is indicated that you are indebted to the mess of that vessel in the sum of $3.00. You are directed to reimburse the vessel in that amount at the first opportunity.

N. C. MANYON,

To Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station.

12 lbs. flour - (a)	4c	= .48	lb.
2 doz. eggs (a)	34c	= .68	"
8 lbs. beef (a)	23c	= 1.84	
		$3.00	

Received O.K.

P. E. Kube
Caterer

A.L.Diggs, 1st Officer
Violet

T. J. Steinhise

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NORFOLK, VA.

Treasury Department

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U.S. COAST GUARD
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NORFOLK DISTRICT

Norfolk ~~FIFTH~~ DISTRICT

Tender Violet
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

7, February, 1940

From: Commanding Officer Tender VIOLET.
To: Commander Norfolk District.

Subject: Stores furnished Light Keepers.

1. Attatched hereto please find statement of stores furnished T.J.Stienhise, Keeper Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, by this Vessel.

2. Request formal procedure that this mess may be reimbursed for said stores.

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A.L.Diggs

A.L.Diggs, First Officer.

2400

CP-75

Norfolk, Virginia

8 February, 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Lt. Sta.,
Box 6412, South Sta.,
Baltimore, Md.

Subject: Charges, Violation of Par. 120 of Regulations to Employees.
Reference: (a) Headquarters' CP-75 of 7 February, 1940.

1. Herewith find reference (a) for your information, guidance, and files.

2. You are advised that a copy of said reference is filed in this Office with your personal file.

T. G. CRAPSTER.

2400

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

U. S. COAST GUARD
SEP 16 1939
NORFOLK DISTRICT

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FIFTH DISTRICT

Seven foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

September, 1939.

Don't look like military service to me. Better show "none substituted". JR

Commander Norfolk District US Coast Guard Norfolk Va

Sir

In answer to question 8 I cannot give all answers as I have not no reminder of same But I Was sent from the office By Capt H D King Who was than Superintendent of Lighthouses of this District to the diffent Lighthouses to check Craighill point Thomas Point new Baltimore Light Sta Cove Point Tangier Island Seven foot Knoll Deep Water Shoals In every case I Was Paid By Goverment check question 12. In 1898 I Went to Chrisfield Recruiting Sta taking Examanation Passed 100% and Was Put at a Boarding House By Recruiting officer Lieut Roger Nelson. I remained there a few days. Under his instructions we were sent home to stand by for a call to duty. But was not called nor was I ever discharged I signed up for the duration of the war or for three years I never received any pay but my board was paid at Mrs. Hardesty on Main St. in Chrisfild Md. The recruiting Dr. was named Simonson. My half sister Mrs. Jennie Milburn of Leonardtown, Md. I named as beneficiary in case of death. I think that I should be allowed military service for time standing by as I was enlisted for 3 yrs or duration of war, although not in active service. I would appreciate your taking this up with the War Dept. in my behalf. This is all true

Respectfully

Thomas J. Steinhise Keeper

2400

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Commander Norfolk Dist. Screw Pt Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

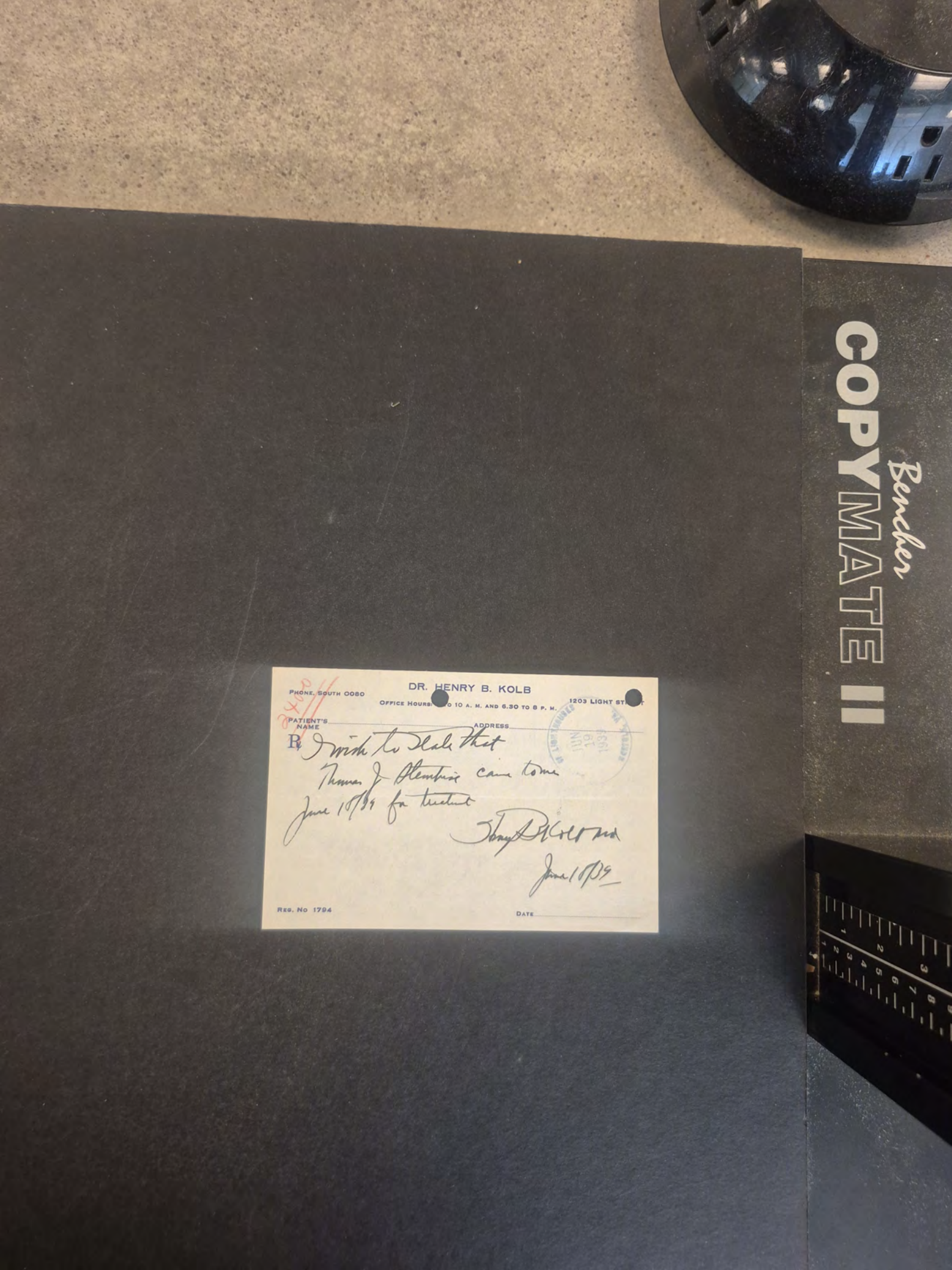
Sir:- Subject- Personal History Statement Sept. 18, 1939

In so far as memory permits I have answered all questions on standard form No. 6. I never received any discharge or any orders from the recruiting officer other than to return home and stand by for further orders. I stayed at Rhodes Point, Post Office in Md. approximately 3 years. I can furnish living witnesses to this fact; also Mrs. Hardesty where we recruits boarded, the daughter of whom is still living. If an investigation is necessary at Rhodes Point and Crisfield Md. can be found old residents who remember that I did enlist and did stand by according to orders received.

The recruits whom I was boarding with at Hardesty's were from Tangier Island Va and Crisfield Md., while I was from Smith's Island. My reason for never mentioning this before was I labored under the opinion that a man would have to be in actual combat service before being eligible for consideration for pension, etc..

My recruiting officers name was Nelson I believe it was Roger Nelson. We were assembled every morning in the recruiting office for quite some time for roll call under his command.

True as to memory Respectfully J. J. Steinhice Keeper



DR. HENRY B. KOLB

PHONE, SOUTH 0080

OFFICE HOURS: 9 TO 10 A. M. AND 6.30 TO 8 P. M. 1203 LIGHT STREET

PATIENT'S NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

℞ I wish to state that
Thomas J Hemtrix came to me
June 1 1894 for treatment

Henry B Kolb md

June 1 1894

REG. NO 1794 DATE _____

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NORFOLK, VA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 12 1939
NORFOLK, VA.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Seven foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 7, 1939

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses Sir
In replay to the of the 31st I have been informed that all time a man has Put In Working for the Government counts on his retirement after he has taken the civil service. after I resigne In November 15 1919 7 years after years I Worked from the office. I did service at New Baltimore L.S. Thomas Point L.S. Tangier Island L.S. Long Hill Light L.S. Seven foot Knoll L.S. Cove Point L.S. Deep Water Shoals L.S. In every case I was sent there By The Superintendent not the Keeper of the Station. that is Why I counted this time as service to the Government I have had but one raise In Pay from the Lighthouse Dept In Fourteen years.

Respectfully

Thomas J Steinhice
Keeper

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NORFOLK, VA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 12 1939
NORFOLK, VA.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Sunfloat Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 6, 1939

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses Sir
In Reply to the Letter of the 29th I do not
recieve any other Pay from the Goverment other
then my Monthly Pay from the Lighthouse Dept

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Respectfully

J. J. Stinchcomb
Keeper

2400

WLR:MCB

May 31, 1939.

T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven Foot Knoll Light Station,
Box 6412, South Station,
Baltimore, Maryland.

1. In checking your record of service in connection with your application for retirement, we find that you have not as yet had the required 15 years of service. Our records show your service as follows:

January 29, 1919 to the close of November 15, 1919 as Asst. Keeper.
December 1, 1926 to date as Keeper and Asst. Keeper.

2. Obviously this does not total 15 years. Your retirement can not, therefore, be approved.

For and in the absence of the Supt.:

W. L. Rebbel,
Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name Thomas J. Steintiss Date of birth July 29, 1878

Designation

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment, Lighthouse Service							
Light Keeper	Jan	29	1919	Nov	15	1919	
" "	Dec.	1	1926	June	30	1939	
Total service							

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? ____ If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim: ____

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? ____ If so, give number of claim: ____

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? ____ If so, state the compensation received: ____

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		

Total compensation for last five years of active service ____

Average compensation for last five years of active service ____

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

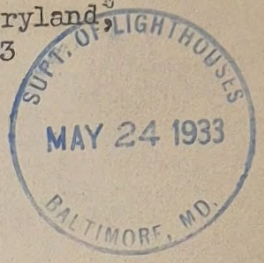
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Baltimore, Maryland,
April 25, 1933

T. J. Steinhise Keeper
Seven Foot Knoll L.S.



Subject: Record of service.

You are directed to furnish this office the information called for below as to your length of Government service. This data is desired for retirement purposes. Be sure you understand what is desired before filling out the form below. If you have not enough space to answer on the front of this sheet, the remainder of the answer may be written on the back of the sheet.

L. M. Hopkins,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

1. Below is furnished the information desired by your office on above subject:

Date started	Position	Sta. or Vessel	Date left	Length Service Yrs.	Mos.	Reason for leaving
January 29-1919	assistant Keeper	Lorain Ledge Point	Nov 15		10	Sickness of Wife
~~Dec 1-1926~~	~~acting Keeper~~					
Dec 1-26	actual K. at Stations			6	6	
Substitute from office to Stations at different times					10	

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Total length of lighthouse service.....

2. Following is Government service other than in the Lighthouse Service near as you can.

Date started	Position	Sta. or Vessel	Date left	Length Service Yrs.	Mos.	Reason for leaving

Total length of other service.....

3. Give correct date of your birth September (Month) 29 (Day) 1878 (Year)

Name Thomas Jefferson Steinhise Station Seven foot Knoll
(Write first and middle name in full)

Title Keeper Dated May 23 1933
(State keeper, asst. keeper, mate, etc.)

LMF

May 29, 1939

T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven Foot Knoll Light Station,
Box 6412 South Station,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Please advise this Office by return mail whether or not you receive any compensation or pension from the U. S. Government other than your pay as a lighthouse keeper.

For the Superintendent of Lighthouses:

W. L. Rebbel,
Chief Clerk.

Form 9

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Date _____

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

_____ District

_____
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective _____, on the basis of service shown hereon.

X Thomas J. Steinhise
(Name)

_____
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City _____ *Date* _____

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $_____ per annum, effective at the close of _____

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

_____
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*, _____

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

_____
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses,

_____ District

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(City)

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Thomas J. Steinhise
(Name)

_____
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City _____ *Date* _____

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $_____ per annum, effective at the close of _____

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_____
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*, _____

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Date _____

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

_____ District

_____
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective _____, on the basis of service shown hereon.

_____
(Name)

_____
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City _____ *Date* _____

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*, _____

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Enc.

May 23, 1939

T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven Foot Knoll Light Station,
Box 6412, South Station,
Baltimore, Maryland.

There are forwarded herewith four additional Forms 9, Application for Retirement. It is necessary that these forms be signed in ink.

Please return them as early as practicable.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

W. L. Rebbel,
Chief Clerk.

COPY

Form 9a

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT

(Act of March 4, 1925)

NAME OF CLAIMANT Thomas J. Steinhise DESIGNATION Lighthouse keeper

Height 68 3/4" Weight 189½ pounds. Complexion weatherbeaten

Color of eyes blue Color of hair gray-black

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination: well developed, somewhat overweight, 65 year old white male, not acutely ill.

Description of duties of position (to be filled in by Superintendent of Lighthouses): Keeper of a marine light station. Upkeep of structure, such as painting and cleaning, standing watch, and operating motor boat.

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: Complains of nervousness, pain in lower back, and sensation of heart stopping when he lies on left side - duration 5 years. Also pain in right abdomen. Says he had bad strain and tension in 1933 when he rescued some men at night, from his lighthouse.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Visual acuity (uncorrected): R. E. 20/ 30-1 L. E. 20/ 30

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

Accommodation: Reads Jaeger No. 1.75 at 13 inches, without correction. rt. eye

Reads Jaeger No. 2.00 at 13 inches, with correction. left eye

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

Inspection normal

Pupils Round, regular, equal Pupillary reaction active to light & accommodation

Hearing: Whispered voice (unaccentuated) heard with R. E. at 2 ft., L. E. at 3 ft.

Appearance of right drum moderate retraction, left drum moderate retraction

Is there any disease of the middle or internal ear or mastoid? none. If so, specify

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Condition of nose and sinuses No tenderness, adequate breathing space

Condition of mouth and throat, including tonsils and teeth Tonsils atrophic. Only 8 lower front teeth remain, these are worn but in fair condition.

Bones, joints, muscles, including atrophies Has stiffness and pain on motion of lower back
(Express limitation of motion, if any, in degrees and joint involved)

Respiratory system negative motion limited to 60° flexion.

Cardiovascular system:

(*a*) Heart moderately enlarged to percussion

(1) Murmurs Systolic murmur at mitral & aortic (2) Arrhythmias None

(*b*) Pulse rate: (1) Sitting 88 (2) After exercise 92 (3) 2 minutes after exercise 88

(*c*) Blood pressure: (1) Sitting—Syst. 160 Diast. 114 (2) After ex.—Syst. 154 Diast. 94

(*d*) Condition of blood vessels moderately thickened

Evidence of thyroid or other endocrine disturbance No

Abdomen and gastro-intestinal system, including hernia

Genito-urinary system:

Urinalysis—Sp. gr. 1.015 Reaction acid Albumin neg Sugar neg

Sediment microscopic (required when albumin or sugar is found)

Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

(*a*) Station Good (*e*) Gait Good

(*b*) Tremor Coarse tremor, mild of hands (*f*) Coordination Good

(*c*) Patellar reflexes active, equal (*g*) Peripheral circulation Good

(*d*) Other motor disturbances

Alcohol Occasional beer Drugs Salts & cc pills Syphilis No Epilepsy No

Other neurological findings none

General impression Patient is disabled due to physical disabilities

Here describe fully nature of disability: Cardiac disease, cardiorenal vascular, arteriosclerotic hypertensive

Cardiac hypertrophy

Arthritis, chronic, hypertrophis, lumbar spine

Deafness, partial, bilateral, cause chronic otitis media

Is disability to perform duty of a permanent character? Yes

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

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

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service

U. S. Marine Hospital, Baltimore (Signed) Alfred C. Moore
(Place of examination) (Examining surgeon)

5/22/39 A.A. S. U. S. P. H. S.
(Date) (Title and branch of medical service)

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Form 9a

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT

(Act of March 4, 1925)

NAME OF CLAIMANT Thomas J. Steinhise DESIGNATION Lighthouse keeper

Height 68 3/4" Weight 189½ pounds. Complexion weatherbeaten

Color of eyes blue Color of hair gray-black

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination: well developed, somewhat overweight, 65 year old white male, not acutely ill.

Description of duties of position (to be filled in by Superintendent of Lighthouses): Keeper of a marine light station. Upkeep of structure, such as painting and cleaning, standing watch, and operating motor boat.

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: Complains of nervousness, pain in lower back, and sensation of heart stopping when he lies on left side - duration 5 years. Also pain in right abdomen. Says he had bad strain and tension in 1933 when he rescued some men at night, from his lighthouse.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Visual acuity (uncorrected): R. E. 20/ 30-1 L. E. 20/ 30

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

Accommodation: Reads Jaeger No. 1.75 at 13 inches, without correction. rt. eye

Reads Jaeger No. 2.00 at 13 inches, with correction. left eye

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

Inspection normal

Pupils Round, regular, equal Pupillary reaction active to light & accommodation

Hearing: Whispered voice (unaccentuated) heard with R. E. at 2 ft., L. E. at 3 ft.

Appearance of right drum moderate retraction, left drum moderate retraction

Is there any disease of the middle or internal ear or mastoid? none If so, specify

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Condition of nose and sinuses No tenderness, adequate breathing space

Condition of mouth and throat, including tonsils and teeth Tonsils atrophic. Only 8 lower front teeth remain, these are worn but in fair condition.

Bones, joints, muscles, including atrophies Has stiffness and pain on motion of lower back

(Express limitation of motion, if any, in degrees and joint involved)

Respiratory system negative motion limited to 60° flexion.

Cardiovascular system:

(a) Heart moderately enlarged to percussion

(1) Murmurs Systolic murmur at mitral & aortic (2) Arrhythmias None

(b) Pulse rate: (1) Sitting 88 (2) After exercise 92 (3) 2 minutes after exercise 88

(c) Blood pressure: (1) Sitting—Syst. 160 Diast. 114 (2) After ex.—Syst. 154 Diast. 94

(d) Condition of blood vessels moderately thickened

Evidence of thyroid or other endocrine disturbance No

Abdomen and gastro-intestinal system, including hernia

Genito-urinary system:

Urinalysis—Sp. gr. 1.015 Reaction acid Albumin neg Sugar neg

Sediment microscopic (required when albumin or sugar is found)

Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

(a) Station Good (e) Gait Good

(b) Tremor Coarse tremor, mild of hands (f) Coordination Good

(c) Patellar reflexes active, equal (g) Peripheral circulation Good

(d) Other motor disturbances

Alcohol Occasional beer Drugs Salts & cc pills Syphilis No Epilepsy No

Other neurological findings none

General impression Patient is disabled due to physical disabilities

Here describe fully nature of disability: Cardiac disease, cardiorenal vascular, arteriosclerotic hypertensive

Cardiac hypertrophy

Arthritis, chronic, hypertrophis, lumbar spine

Deafness, partial, bilateral, cause chronic otitis media

Is disability to perform duty of a permanent character? Yes

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

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

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service

U. S. Marine Hospital, Baltimore (Signed) Alfred C. Moore

(Place of examination) (Examining surgeon)

5/22/39 A.A. S. U. S. P. H. S.

(Date) (Title and branch of medical service)

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—10543

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Alfred C. Moore (Examining surgeon)

5/22/39 (Date)

ads USPHS. (Title and branch of medical service)

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Other neurological findings None.

General impression Patient is disabled due to physical disabilities.

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Alfred C. Moore (Examining surgeon)

5/22/39 (Date)

A. A. S. USPHS. (Title and branch of medical service)

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—10543

LMF
Enc.

May 16, 1939

Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Marine Hospital,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, Md., is an applicant for retirement on account of disability. He has had sufficient service to bring him within the purview of the Act of March 4, 1925.

Mr. Steinhise has today been directed to report to your hospital for examination. It will be appreciated if you will examine him and execute the attached form 9a, forwarding same to this Office in duplicate.

Respectfully,

For and in the absence of the Supt.:

W. L. Rebbel,
Chief Clerk.

LMF
Enc.

May 16, 1939

T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station,
P. O. Box 6412, So. Sta.,
Baltimore, Md.

I have your letter of May 14 advising of your present physical condition and requesting disability retirement. Forms for this purpose are herewith. Please sign these forms where indicated in red and return all four copies to this Office promptly.

You are directed to report to U. S. Marine Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, for physical examination as early as practicable. I am today advising the hospital accordingly.

For and in the absence
of the Superintendent:

W. L. Rebbel,
Chief Clerk.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NORFOLK, VA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY
16
1939
NORFOLK, VA.

FIFTH DISTRICT

~~Inay 14~~ Swan foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Inay 14-, 1939.

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses Norfolk Va

Sir I feel that my Present Physical + Dental condition Justifies my Request for Disability Retirement I have spent most of 20 years on Isolated Station and I feel I am not now + haven't been for at least 6 years able at all times to give the satisfactory Service expected of me. Will you not Kindly arrange for a Physical Examination as soon as convenient

Respectfully

Thomas J. Steinhice

Keeper of
Swan foot Knoll

Supt:
Asst Supt
Chief Clk
Asso Engr
Asst Engr. (1)
Asst. Engr. (2)
Junior Engr
Hydrog
Accounts
Purchas ng
Personnel
Cost Kpg
Prop. Cl.
Blueng
Messenger
File

April 14. Severn Post Enroll Md

Mrs W L Rehbel Sir

This favor I am asking & Probably My Last. Will you Pleas dictate me a letter as how to ask & who to ask for Retirement on Disability as I Never have spent one Well day for three years and getting Worse all the time. In 1929 I hurt My Back at Upper Ladder Point L S fell off Ladder Painting Platform & every year It gets Worse I dont think I Will have any trubble With Dr as they know I am out of order. I Entered the service Jan 29-1919 and have done some very good deeds. I have Put the Lighthouse service on the Front Page of Some Papers I have saved lots of Lives. I have Work for the Public & L.H.S at all times But I dont seem to be able to satisfy the Present Superintendent as Mr J Lewis Jr L H Engineer. the Public Praise the Station But not them the Public & Tax Payers dont count. Now I am told I am entitle to something Will you please Put me right. hopeing you are Well & also family Please do something for old Man Steinhice before it is to Late Thanks

Respectfully Thomas J. Steinhice

Box 6312 Lauth Sta
Baltimore Md

2400

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NORFOLK, VA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FIFTH DISTRICT

Lewis Foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 11, 1939

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses

Sir I request Permission to have Friends & Members of my Family to visit me at this station, during summer months.

Respectfully

J. J. Steinhise Keeper

Samuel Dawson
Asst Keeper

To general
Send word from
for 2 for a definite time -

Relieve 2
for 7

[redacted]

TELEPHONE
NATIONAL 7249

DONALD L. CONNER
[redacted]
[redacted] BUILDING
918 F STREET
WASHINGTON, D. C.

BUR. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN
30
1939
NORFOLK, VA.

Superintendent of Lighthouses J W Frazier
arrived according to the Books on December 22-1938
and Left Station Jan 28 1939 at 10 AM Sub In Any Place

T J Steinhise
Keeper

No official Papers on Sta

I have No Doctors certificate from the Marine
Hospital as I am to return to the Dental Doctor.
X Ray Dr Booth. Ward Dr Jelson + Dr Warren

Capt
Asst. Supt.
Chief Clk ✓
Asso Engr.
Asst. Engr. (1)
Asst. Engr. (2)
Junio- Engr.
Hydrog.
Accounts
Purchasing
Personnel ✓
Cost Kpg.
Prop. Clk.
Stenog
Messenger
File

Watson had knowledge of
Steinhise's absence + should
have informed us.
R

T. J. Steinhise
Keeper

LMF

January 25, 1939

Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station,
Box 6412, South Sta.,
Baltimore, Md.

This Office has nothing to show whether or not you have returned to duty from the absence which began on December 14, 1938. It is noted from your Form 65 for December that you were on sick leave. Please forward to this Office your doctor's certificate in order that this absence may be charged to sick leave. Also forward service card showing dates served by substitute keeper.

For the Supt.:

W. L. Rebbel,
Chief Clerk.

LMF

December 16, 1938

T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station,
Box 6412, So. Sta.,
Baltimore, Md.

In checking your Form 65 for the month of OCTOBER it is noted that you left the station on the 2nd at 1 P.M. and returned on the 23rd at 10 A.M. Inasmuch as no application for leave is on file for that period, it is thought that you might have entered the wrong date of leaving or returning. Please advise at once whether or not the dates given by you, as above, are correct.

For the Superintendent:

W. L. Rebbel,
Chief Clerk.

Form 76

SH[redacted] LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF K[redacted]ERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES NOV 18 1938 NORFOLK, VA

LMF

REQUEST

Seven Foot Knoll, Maryland, November 14, 1938
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fifth DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 15 days of shore liberty or leave, from December 16 to December 31, inclusive, 1938 I have had 70 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

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

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

J. W. Frazier, 257 E. Hamburg St. Baltimore Md
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

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

Telephone no Laplata 67-F-2 or Oxford 2472
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Supt.
Asst. Supt.
Chief Clk
Asso. Engr.
Asst. Engr. (1)
Asst. Engr. (2)
Junior Engr
Hydrog.
Accounts
Purchasing
Personnel
Cost Kpg
Prop. Clk
Stenog
Messenger
Fmn

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

(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper in charge.

(Title.)

LMF

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, Fifth DISTRICT, Nov. 18 38, 191

~~is~~ 15 Dec. 16

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from

Dec. 31 38

..... to ....., inclusive, 191 .

must 100 p.m. after the Asst.

Substitute ..... be ~~has been~~ ~~alone~~ in charge of station for eight days.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

N. C. Manyon,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Inspector, ... Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At ..... M. ....., 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At ..... M. ....., 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ..... days.

Period charged: ..... days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper in charge.

11—882

(Title.)

2400

COPY

August 25, 1938.

Mr. T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
7-Foot Knoll Light Station,
P. O. Box 6412, South Station,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Steinhise:

The Department of Commerce is interested and takes pride in the services you were able to render a small, disabled boat near your station on July eighteenth. The Matter has been brought to the attention of Secretary Roper and myself. Please accept my commendation.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Johnson,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce

JMJ:MCD

SEP -9 1938

Supervisor of Lighthouses, Wash. Copy to 5th Dist.

2400 ✓

Commendatory

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NORFOLK, VA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

NCM:AHG.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Seven Foot Knoll
(Middle Ground, C. Verde)

July 22, 1938.

July 12, 1938

To Inspector of Lighthouses
Sir Assistance rendered
This Evening about 3 PM there was a Squall
With Strong Winds for a while. Near this Station
was a Motor Boat and their
Engine Refuse disable The People Were Looking at
them. and saw that unless they got to this Station.
they were going to sink So Took a long line and
Succeded In getting
and Roll them to the house and Manage to sling they
Boat With Rope & saved it Without Much help from
them as the Men Were
write there Names and they were shaky. after the
Storm was over I help them Repair the Engine & they
Went home one said Here's a fishing trip again
for him hoping this is satisfactory Respectfully

T. J. Steinhise
Keeper

P.S. I am sending You there Names as the note them

Subject: Assistance rendered.

1. This Office has read with interest your letter of July 18th relative assistance rendered 3 men in a disabled motor boat, and is pleased to note your action in this case.

N. C. MANYON,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses, together with copy of above-mentioned letter.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 22 1938
FIFTH DISTRICT

Sesuit Pt. Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 18, 1938

To The Subritendent of Lighthouses
Sir Subject assistance rendered
This Evening about 3 PM there Was a Sqwall
With strong Winds for a while. Near this Station
Was a small Boat with 3 men aboard and their
Engine Beeame disable. I the Keeper Was Looking at
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Succeded in gitting it to them as they Passed the Rocks
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FIFTH DISTRICT

Swan Point Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 1, 1938

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses
Sir Subject Permission for visitors
I would like to have Permission to have some of
my Family to visit me at this Station Subject
to your Consideration Respectfully

Thomas J Steinhoise
Keeper

Supt.
Asst. Supt.
Chief Clk.
Asst. Engr.
Asst. Engr. (1)
Asst. Engr. (2)
Junior Engrs.
Hydrog.
Accounts
Draftsm.
Personnel
Insp. Keep.
Prin. Clks.
Storek.
Stenographer
File

Notice, 2.
Letter sent
7/6/38
L.F.

2400

WLR:PL

June 29, 1938.

Mr. Albert G. Wehrheim,
1223 Riverside Avenue.,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

With further reference to indebtedness of Thomas J. Steinhise, Lighthouse Keeper, I desire to state that Mr. Steinhise disclaims any of the indebtedness beyond "$30.00 or $40.00" which he agrees to pay at $5.00 per month. I am not in a position, in view of the disputed nature of this claim, to compel him to pay more unless you see fit to secure judgment against him in the local courts. In such an event he will be required to comply with the decision of the court.

Respectfully,

N. C. Manyon,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NORFOLK, VA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN
28
1938
FIFTH DISTRICT
NORFOLK

Seven foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 25, 1938

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses Sir
Subject Indebtedness.
after Piecing together what Information I can from
those Who, or some of those. Who. located the Bill
I Would say Between 30 + 40 dollars. this I am willing
to Pay at 5.00 a Month. You to be the Judge

Respectfully

J. J. Steinhise
Keeper

WLR:MCB

June 16, 1938.

Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven Foot Knoll Light Station,
6412 South Station,
Baltimore, Md.

In connection with your letter of the 14th concerning your alleged indebtedness to Mr. Wehrheim, I would request that you advise this office at once as to how much money you acknowledge to be due by you as just indebtedness to Mr. Wehrheim.

N. C. Manyon,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Ask him how much he owes

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NORFOLK, VA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Does he acknowledge it as a just indebtedness to me

SUPT. 5TH LIGHTHOUSE DIST.
JUN 15 1938
NORFOLK, VA.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Seven Foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 14, 1938

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses

In Subject Debt. Mr Albert G. Wehrheim has run up bill people have Groceries + charge them to me Whom I am not Responsable for them as they are of age. at the time My Wife died Donald Ross + his family was staying at My House also Wile Davis + family + Henry Steinbise Wife + child also. Mr Wehrheim new I was Paying the Rent + Gas Bill + he new I couldent feed 17 People on my little Salary. about the medal that was his Idea as I had gotton all the medal I Wanted I told him I Would Pay the Whole Bill if his Plans Work out, but it didint. he hasent any contract as any order from me. I am willing to Pay My Part of the Bill as I had 2 childrin under age and I am responsable for them anyhow you can make me Pay the Whole amout as I dont Want to loase My Job. and I am waiting your decision What is Legal + fair Waiting your Reply

Respectfully
Thomas J Steinbise
keeper

I dont owe him 9210
as Jones did

Returned

WLR: MCB

June 10, 1938.

Mr. Albert G. Wehrheim,
1223 Riverside Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 3rd concerning indebtedness of Mr. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station. I have today written him and directed that he get in touch with you and arrange some manner of settlement that will be agreeable to you and not too burdensome on him. If you do not hear from Mr. Steinhise within a reasonable time, I would suggest that you again communicate with this office.

Respectfully,

N. C. Manyon,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

R

G. A. STORE

PHONE SOUTH 1228

ALBERT G. WEHRHEIM

Groceries, Meats and Provisions

1223 RIVERSIDE AVENUE

BALTIMORE, MD.

June 3 1938

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 6 1938
NORFOLK, VA.

Dear Sir

Inclosed is a copy of the letter Mr Steinhice sent me in regards to the bill he owes me of 92.10. The married children he speaks of in this letter were there but, her husband was sent to the hospital and the other daughter wasnt living with her husband, and he came over and said, Al let them have what they want because by God they are my Grandchildren and I cant see them hungry, I will fix it up with you some day. In the meantime his wife taken sick and died and before she died he said Al the doctor and medicine have come so high, will you let the bill go so I can get my wife well again. Now he denies he owes this bill. I am very sorry to put you to this worry but it isnt my fault that his children needed help and I am sure it wasnt my place to feed them I dont want to put this in the hands of a lawyer until your advice is given to me. If you could help me in anyway I would surely appreciate it greatly. I am sorry to say this but he certainly is a man of very poor honor, to feed his children and then for him to turn me down.

(over)

He agreed to pay as you saw in his first letter I sent before and I think I have been fair in waiting so long before dowing anything about the bill. also my Store has been a G. A. Store and have always been in the fair price class. We are good Christian people and never do no one a bad turn. and if this man didnt owe this bill you can rest assure we Wouldnt go to all this trouble about it.

Thanking you very kindly for your past trouble in regards to this matter and also taking your time to read this Last letter of may 30. Ma Thomas J. Steenhice sent which is a (duplicate Copy).

I remain very gratefull
Albert G. Wehrheim
1223 Riverside Ave
Balto. Md.

Seven foot Knoll
May
Mr Albert G. Ulmer
Sir

SUB. OF. HOUSES
6
1938
NORFOLK, VA.

The Thomas J. Steinhise that lived at 1252 Riverside Ave is no and never was a Jesus Christ that cans feed Multitude on 7 loaves and 3 small fishes. At that address also lived Beulah Ross with 4 children Donald Ross washing also about that time. William G. Harris was staying there wife 3 children he is also living. Henry Steinhise wife Child. Earl, Helen, & William Steinhise was my family the law says I am not responsible for them but not those that are of age. Now the total no of people in the house at that time was 16. 4 of them I am

I have made down a fair offer
you can accept or Reject it
I am sure. Just as you Please.

Final

Respectfully

T. J. Steenbridge

#6312 South

Stations

Baltimore Md

A copy to the
lighthouse
Superintendent

Please answer soon as I
expect. I will start Engineer
off in this month of June.

2400

LL

April 13, 1938

T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
7 Ft. Knoll Light Station,
Box 6412, So. Sta.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

1. If you were attended by a doctor during your absence from the station from March 4 to 18 please furnish a certificate from him in order that this absence may be charged to sick leave.

For and in the absence of the Supt.:

T. S. Johnson,
Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Seven Foot Knoll

2402

LL

June 3, 1937

Keeper,
Seven Foot Knoll Light Station,
104 E. Randall St.,
Baltimore, Md.

1. Your request for leave of absence from July 2 to July 12 is approved. You are authorized to hire Mr. Frazier as substitute for four days beginning July 2.

For and in the absence of the Supt.:

T. S. Johnson,
Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NORFOLK, VA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 3 1937
NORFOLK, VA.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Swan Point Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 1, 1937

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses
Sir. I Respectfully request that I be granted 10 days Leave from July 2nd until July 12th at Government Expense as I Want to go to see My Daughter & it requires 5 days to go & come. I have more then the 4 days to My credit that Will require a Substitute from July 2nd to July 6 on that day the assistant Keeper Will return to Station

Respectfully

J. J. Steinhise

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WLR:LL
Enc.

March 8, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. Letter dated March 4 from Phillips H. Lord, Inc. to the Bureau, forwarded to this Office under endorsement of March 5, has been read and is returned herewith.

2. Keeper Steinhise has been authorized to be absent not exceeding eight days, which period is ample, and which will not involve paying a special substitute at his station.

N. C. Manyon,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

4016-5.

March 5, 1937

Phillips H. Lord, Incorporated,
501 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen: Attention: H. Clifford Fowler

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 2nd, in reference to the proposed participation of Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, in your proposed broadcast for March 14th.

It is noted that you have no advance script prepared for such broadcasts and in the light of the explanation in your letter, this office sees no objection to Mr. Steinhise's participation as proposed and he has accordingly been granted leave for that purpose.

This office is not advised as to the unusual circumstances referred to in the fourth paragraph of your letter concerning the manner in which Mr. Steinhise's attention was attracted in this instance. The very creditable action of the keeper on this occasion is well established, however, and has been given appropriate official recognition as you know. The concern of this Service in such broadcast is only that the statements with respect to the Service are accurate and reflect a true picture of conditions, and it is satisfied that you will have this properly in mind.

Very truly yours,

C. A. PARK,
Acting Commissioner.

CAP:HS

Copy to Superintendent, Norfolk, Virginia. The above is forwarded for your information and with authority to sanction the arrangements as outlined.

Chas A Park

CAP:HS

WLR:LL

March 6, 1937

T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station,
3515 Fourth St.,
Brooklyn, Maryland.

1. Referring further to the matter of your trip to New York to participate in a dramatized broadcast under the direction of Phillips H. Lord, Inc., you are advised that the Bureau of Lighthouses has agreed to the request of this concern, and you are authorized to proceed with whatever arrangements are necessary. As stated in my endorsement of February 20, you are authorized to be absent eight days, during which time the assistant keeper may remain on the station. It is believed this time will be ample.

For and in the absence of the Supt.:

R

Chief Clerk.

WLR:LL

Feb. 20, 1937

Phillips H. Lord, Inc.
501 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Sirs:

1. In connection with your letter of the 16th, I desire to advise that I should be glad to approve leave of absence for Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse, for a period of eight days, in order that he might participate in the dramatized broadcast you propose.

2. Final approval of the proposed broadcast will, of course, rest with the Commissioner of Lighthouses, with whom you are in correspondence.

Respectfully,

N. C. Manyon,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

WLR

Copy to T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Lt. Sta., Md.

You are authorized to be absent 8 days for the above purpose, which is ample time and would not involve the necessity of hiring a substitute, as the assistant keeper can remain at the station alone for that period.

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses, with copy of letter from Phillips H. Lord, Inc., dated Feb. 16, 1937.

PHILLIPS H. LORD · INC.
501 MADISON AVENUE · NEW YORK CITY WICKERSHAM 2-2213
Radio PRODUCTIONS

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 18 1937
NORFOLK, VA.

February 16, 1937

Mr. N. C. Manyon
Superintendent of Lighthouses
Norfolk, Virginia

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Asst. Engr. (2)
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Boat Kpg
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Storeg
Messenger
File

Dear Mr. Manyon,

Thank you for your letter of February 11th concerning Lighthouse Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise.

We have since received a letter from Mr. King, of Washington, the file number of which is 4016-5. We feel that there has been some misunderstanding about this whole matter, as Mr. King requested that we send him a copy of the script so that he might make sure that the "material used be accurate and that implications inconsistent with the facts as regards the Lighthouse Service be carefully avoided". No script has been written, or can be written, until we find out if you will grant Mr. Steinhise a leave of absence... and we do not contemplate using a script about the Lighthouse Service. We had in mind a more or less personal experience of Mr. Steinhise's, and the service will be mentioned only indirectly.

After we find out if Mr. Steinhise would be available, we can of course send you or Mr. King a draft of how we will mention the Lighthouse Service, but we assure you that you may have every confidence that under no circumstances would we ever make any derogatory statements about your organization. We hope that you will trust this statement, and let us know very promptly if we may count on Mr. Steinhise's presence in New York from Friday, March 12th, until Sunday night, March 14th.

Very sincerely yours,

R. CLIFFORD FOWLER

RCF:pr

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NORFOLK, VA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
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NORFOLK, VA.

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WLR:LL
Enc.

7-FK Knoll

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
NORFOLK, VA.

February 11, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. There is forwarded herewith for consideration in connection with my letter of February 9 transmitting copy of a letter dated February 4 from T. J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Md., in connection with a proposed broadcast dramatizing the rescue of the crew from the tug boat "Point Breeze", a letter dated February 9 from Phillips H. Lord, Inc., which is self-explanatory.

2. Return of attached letter will be appreciated.

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N. C. Manyon,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington, D. C.
February 15, 1937

Return to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Norfolk, Va., attention being invited to Bureau letter of February 13 to Phillips H. Lord, INc. copy of which was furnished your office. The original letter of Phillips H. Lord, Inc. addressed to your office is returned as requested.

For the Commissioner:

C. J. LUDWIG, JR.
Chief Clerk

CJL:HR

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Enclosure

PHILLIPS H. LORD · INC.
501 MADISON AVENUE · NEW YORK CITY
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Radio PRODUCTIONS

February 9, 1937

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NORFOLK, VA.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Federal Building
Norfolk, Virginia

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Dear Sir:

I am writing you concerning Captain Thomas J. Steinhise of Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse, Chesapeake Bay, with whom we have been in contact for a probable appearance on one of our radio programs.

I should like to outline briefly the status and the program idea. The program is entitled WE THE PEOPLE. It is just what the name signifies. There are no professional appearing, but rather people from every walk of life. The program has been on the air for nineteen weeks, and on it have appeared a hundred and seventeen different people from thirty-three states in the United States.

We bring people on who have interesting stories or experiences to tell, and have had such persons as the man who selected the Unknown Soldier; Dan Stewart, the only man who has ridden a horse across the United States; the Mayor of Boy's Town, Nebraska; the man who was present at the "Shooting of Dan McGrew"; the only living man who was present at the time Marconi received his first wireless message; Louis Parisot, who was Pasteur's assistant; the boy who discovered one of the new stars in the heavens with a $31.00 home made telescope; Alfred Scadding, one of the survivors of the Moose River Mine disaster; John Kissinger, who submitted himself to mosquito bites for the Yellow Fever experiment in Panama; a little girl from Jackson, Ohio, who had her feet burned in an accident, and for whom the village voted a bond issue for her care and operation; the man in Oklahoma who gave up a profitable law practise to devote his time to helping people out of debt; Heinie Miller, a blind miner who, although blind, discovered one of the largest potential gold mines in all of Nevada; an old mountaineer who has kept a fire burning that his great grandfather started over one hundred and fifty years ago.

This is a program which has risen rapidly in importance because it gives just average people an opportunity to tell other average people some of their experiences and beliefs.

Captain Steinhise is an interesting personality and has had some interesting experiences. We should like very much to have him

PHILLIPS H. LORD·INC.

DEPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
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NORFOLK, VA.

appear on our program of March 14th. This would require his being in New York from Friday morning until after the broadcast Sunday night.

In the name of Phillips H. Lord and the WE THE PEOPLE program I respectfully request that you grant a leave of absence for Captain Steinhise for that time.

Mr. Brashears, of the Baltimore News, is conversant with this, as is Captain Steinhise, and either of them will be very glad to give you more details if you desire...and I will be very pleased to carry through on any further information you may want, in order that we may pay a tribute to the men of the lighthouse service.

Very sincerely yours,

R. CLIFFORD FOWLER

RCF:PR

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February 13, 1937.

Phillip H. Lord, Inc.,
501 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This office has been advised through the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Norfolk, Va., of a request which you have made to Mr. T. J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Chesapeake Bay, for appearance on one of your programs in connection with an account of rescue work in which he participated a few years ago.

It is possible that arrangements can be made whereby Mr. Steinhise may be able to participate in this program, but this office would first wish to be furnished with a copy of the script which it is proposed to follow, as it is realized that these programs command a large audience, making it especially necessary that the material used be accurate and that implications inconsistent with the facts as regards the Lighthouse Service be carefully avoided. This office would be pleased to cooperate promptly in reviewing the matter from this point of view.

Respectfully yours,

H. D. KING,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CAP:LK

COPY to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Norfolk, Va.: The Bureau will advise you further upon receipt of reply. It is noted that Mr. Steinhise requests a substitute for a period of ten days which would appear to be somewhat more than would be necessary in this connection and if the proposal is finally approved, it is suggested that a period of about five days should be adequate.

WLR:LL
Enc.

February 11, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. There is forwarded herewith for consideration in connection with my letter of February 9 transmitting copy of a letter dated February 4 from T. J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Md., in connection with a proposed broadcast dramatizing the rescue of the crew from the tug boat "Point Breeze", a letter dated February 9 from Phillips H. Lord, Inc., which is self-explanatory.

2. Return of attached letter will be appreciated.

N. C. Kanyon,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

WLR:LL

February 11, 1937

Phillips H. Lord, Inc.
501 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Sirs:

1. I have your letter of February 9 concerning the dramatization of the rescue by Lighthouse Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise of several men from the foundered tug boat "Point Breeze". I have already received a request from Keeper Steinhise in this connection, which has been submitted to our office in Washington for consideration and suggestion. You will be duly advised upon receipt of our Bureau's reply.

Respectfully,

N. C. Manyon,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

WLR:LL
Enc.

February 9, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. There is attached copy of a communication from T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Md., which is self-explanatory. The Bureau's suggestion in this matter is respectfully requested.

2. Steinhise is a queer sort of a chap and is full of peculiar notions. It is possible, however, that with the proper coaching he may be able to do the Service justice in such a program as proposed.

For and in the absence of the Supt.:

Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

P. S. The rescue in question occurred in August, 1933. The Bureau's files contain full report thereon.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES FEB 8 1937 NORFOLK, VA.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Seven foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 4, 1937

Superintendent af Lighthouses Sir
Phillip H. Lord Inc. are after me to go on the Radio In March. to Dramatize the Rescue of the crew of the Point Breeze. also to make known the good of Lighthouses as some People dont know exactly what it means. they offer to Pay My expenses to & Farom New York and My expenses while I am there. Now In order to do that will you grant a Substitute for 10 days I haven't asked for any for 8 years and I dont get any Pay for doing the act and am not able to loose the time & Pay
the Program is called {We the People} and it comes on Sunday Evening. J. Edgar. Hoover Was on It some-time ago G.Man and now they want a Lighthouse Keeper Hoping you can arange so I can go. Mr J.W. Frazier has said he will Sub. for me as he understands things here at this Sta. Is J. McFary relation?

Respectfully
J. J. Steinhise
Keeper

Phillip H Lord Inc
501 Madison ave
New York N Y

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



REQUEST

Sans Souci Beach, (Station.) Feb 8, 1937

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, ... DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 8 or 10 days of shore liberty or leave, from Friday 5 to 15, inclusive, 1937 I have had 5 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

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

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

J W Frazier (Name.), 257 E Hamburg St Baltimore Md (P. O. Address.)

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

501 Madison ave (Street or R. D. Route.), New York NY (City.), NY (State.)

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

..... (Applicant's signature.)

..... *Keeper in charge.*

..... (Title.)

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AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, ... DISTRICT, ..., 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from ..... to ....., inclusive, 191 .

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

.....

Inspector, ... Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At ..... M., ..., 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At ..... M., ..., 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ..... days.

Period charged: ..... days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

T. J. Steinhise (Applicant's signature.)

..... *Keeper in charge.*

Keeper (Title.)

11—882

2400

Steinhise

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NORFOLK, VA.
WLR:LL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
NORFOLK, VA.

March 6, 1937

Personnel, 5th Lighthouse District.

1. You are advised that under a radio program known as "WE, THE PEOPLE", at five o'clock Eastern Standard Time on March 14, 1937 (Sunday) the rescue of the crew of the tug "Point Breeze" by Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station in August 1933 will be dramatized over the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting Company.

2. Mr. Steinhise will participate in this dramatization.

N. C. MANYON,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

~~APPOINTMENT DIVISION~~
Division of Personnel
WASHINGTON

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB
9
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NORFOLK VA.

2400

February 1, 1937

Mr. T.J. Steinhise

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1937

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,

WM. J. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.
~~Chief of Appointment Division.~~

From: $1560

To: $1620

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field

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7 ft Knoll

a spire steamboat he will be considered with others for transfer at [illegible] time.

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BALTIMORE, MD.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 22 1937
NORFOLK, VA.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Screw Post Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 18, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses Sir Economical Subject
Just What does this Station mean to Commerce only the
Love Point Ferry and Why does not the Department Gas It as
It is Heas Base of Tender Violet It Cost the Goverment
over 3.500 dollars to Kep it going With old Fog Signal
that is falling apart + old oil lamps. From april 1
Until September 15 the Bell was used about 8 hours 820 of Diesell
would run the Bell a year Only 4 tanks of Gas and only hour
from Lazaretta Depot By Tender. Now if the Dept is going to
Kep Keepers here they should Make some Improvments as
it is very much in Need of. the sides of the house is rust
Eaten and soon will have to be repaired a New Boat is
very much needed Now as the old Gas Boat is rotten as
a Pulpe. Besides No Man Wants this Sta I have asked to
Be transfered for the Last 5 years. I understand they are
some Retirments to take Place thes year. I hope to be remembered
for some othe Place. other then the Point. Fast as this
Sta Is called By the Waterman around here. so help
Balance the Budget Respectfully J. J. Steinhice

Lemmon Letters,
T. J. Steinhise

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WLR:LL

FIFTH DISTRICT
Seven foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 27, 1936
Sept. 4, 1936

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses
Sir on the night of the 24 of August around 9.30 PM
It Was very hot and The asst Keeper & myself was
setting on the Ends of the Boat trying to see out
In the Water when I heard a Boat coming I got up
I got out my Search Light and flash Back then he kept
his going 4 at a time I flash again and the asst. who
go. he guess the right one & went out found a Boat with
Woman & Children aboard and a Engine Busted, he Towed them
In South Point Creek and it Was 12.30 AM when he got Back to
Station he has the Iso of the Boat ashore with him
hoping this Meet With your Approval

1. This office is in receipt of your report of August 27 concerning assistance rendered to a cruiser with engine trouble in the vicinity of your station. Your action in this matter is approved. If possible furnish to this Office a list of the persons on board, name of the owner, and hailing port.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

I Beg to Remane Respectfully

Action approved
Name or number of Boat, owner, hailing port
and names of persons aboard should be furnished

T. J. Steinhise
Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 2 1936
NORFOLK, VA.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Swan Point Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 27, 1928

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses
Sir on The night of the 24 of august around 9.30 P/M
It Was very hot and The asst Keeper & Myself was
setting on the East of this Sta I chance to see out
In the Bay a small light flashing 4 flashes in duration
I got out My Flash Light and flash Back then he kept
his going 4 at atime I flip a coin with the asst. who
go. he guess the right om & went out found a Lower With
Woman & Childen aboard and a Engine Busted. he Towed them
In North Point Creek and it Was 12.30 AM when he got Back to
Station he has the Yo of the Boat ashore With him
hoping this Meet With your approval

I Remain to Remain Respectfully

Action appeal
Name or number of boat, owner, sailing port
and name of all persons
should be furnished

J. J. Stevenson
Keeper

Capt.
Asst. Supt.
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Commendations
T. J. Steinhiser

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WLR:LL

FIFTH DISTRICT
Steamboat Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 23, 1936

Keeper,
Seven Foot Knoll Light Station,
1252 Riverside Ave.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

1. I have your letter of July 17 reporting assistance rendered to a fishing boat with two men. Your action in the matter is approved by this Office.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Return approved

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL
21
1936
NORFOLK, VA.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Swan Point Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 17, 1936

Superintendent of Lighthouses Sir
Returning to this Sta from Lazaretto Depot
With Suffyes sited a fishing Boat With 2 men
In It Who Engine had Broke down and towed them
In Jones Creek at there request affixed Inc 13F 861
of Lenable Motor Boat. hopeing your aproval

J. J. Steinbrick Keepr

Actions approved

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See me for reply. MR

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Communication

Fifth District

Seven Foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 30, 1932

May 5, 1932.

T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven Foot Knoll Light Station,
Box 43, Sparrows Pt., Md.

1. This office acknowledges receipt of your letter of April 30, reporting assistance rendered to the four young men whose boat had become disabled inthe vicinity of your station, and your action in the matter is approved.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Respectfully

T. J. Steinhise
Keeper.

Action approved

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 2 1932
BALTIMORE, MD.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Sevenfoot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 30, 1932

To the Superintendent of Light houses
Sir
around8am this Morning Four young men came to this station In a Sail Boat With Broken Boom + Gaff We assisted them in Repairing them and gave them something to Eat as they had nothing to Eat since yesterday noon and now they are on there way to Baltimore there home. hopeing this meet your aproval

Respectfully

J.J. Steinhise
Keeper

Advise —
Action approved

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Reply to F. Knox

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 20 1936
BALTIMORE, MD.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Lewes Post Office
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 15, 1936

Superintendent of Lighthouses Sir

In May I went to the Marine Hospital to have them look at some Bad teeth. after examination Was told the Best thing to do Was to take out all as I had Bad Gums and that started My suffering. first Visit I had 3 Pull and they dident give me no trouble. the next time I sat In the Chair 3 hours to have 7 Pull. the Eye teeth Was the trouble It taken 43 minutes to Pull one. and all the Nerves In My Face Was Pull apart. then In a few days. It Returnes to do it Worse. I had 2 dry sockets In the Centres of My Eye teeth. and no Eats or Sleep I went Back to the Hospital and some of the Drs Wanted to Split the Gums open the Head Dr so no Pack Each tooth & Keep Ice Bag on all the time I return to sta as you know I have no Ice only In Winter & then to much I nearly Went Mad. I go ashore to see My Dr but None of them Would give me anything only Ice Ice all I could bear. I Was at the Hospital 4 times & recived 3 treatments & have 8 more to come at In September the Lovesomes Subject to your Consideration Respectfully T. J. Steinhice

3615 4th St Brooklyn Md

Keeper

Seven Foot Knoll Lt. Sta.

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July 29, 1936

T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven Foot Knoll Light Station,
3515 Fourth St.,
Brooklyn, Maryland.

1. Please advise whether or not you were attended by a physician during your absences from the station during June, and if so submit medical certificate so that your absence may be charged to sick leave.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 21 1936
NORFOLK, VA.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Seven foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 18, 1936

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses Sir
Last Wensday after Witness the Marrige of my
oldest Daughter and had started to Return to Sta.
I Was overtaken by a friend to Notefy me that my
oldest Son Was Hurt and had Been taken to the Hospital
the truck he Was driveing Was Hit by another driver
By a Negro and Boath of my Boys ankles Was fractured
+ his Head Badly Hurt When I left him thursday night
his mind Wondered from one thing to another. that Sir
Is why I am from Wensday Until Friday Returning to
Station. Subject to your Honorable consideration
Respectfully T. J. Steinhise Keeper

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P.S. S.S. State of Virginia Was floted from Inen
this Sta Saturday Evening July 18th at 3 PM
Steinhise

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May 22, 1936

Mr. C. L. McMurtry,
Special Agent,
Hotel Dodge,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

1. I have your letter of May 18 concerning application in behalf of Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, for a Carnegie Medal.

2. I desire to advise that this Office is without authority to furnish copies of its official records. I would suggest, however, that you submit your request with full explanation to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

Carnegie Hero Fund Commission
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Hotel Dodge, Washington, D.C.
May 18, 1936

Mr. W. L. Rebble,
U. S. Lighthouse Headquarters,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Dear Sir;—

Friends of Thomas J. Steinhouse, Keeper of the Seven-Foot Knoll Station, Chesapeake Bay near Baltimore, have applied for a Carnegie medal for him in connection with his picking up 6 persons from the bay when the tug "Point Breeze" sank August 21, 1933, 1 A.M. I am gathering some information for a private report to my office and no publicity is desired. At Baltimore I learned data were with you at the new headquarters at Norfolk. He has already the treasury medal. Many facts are already at hand.

I would appreciate it very much if you would supply a few details from Steinhise's original log report on his movements with his motorboat, tide, wind, waves. Names of all and date are at hand. What hour was set on Aug. 21/33 for his act? I understand this report was given the same morning some hours later when a U.S. tender or a coast guard boat obtained it to make the usual report to your office. I am interested in this report only, not his citation three years later or cause of the tug's foundering or any blame. Also position of tug at sinking from lighthouse. If you have a few lines from Capt. Clyde Railey's report on the conditions, I would also appreciate them. I am traveling and enclose a stamped addressed envelope for reply at this hotel. Assuring you I shall appreciate it if you will furnish me the above, I remain,

Yours very truly,
C. L. McMurtry
Special Agent

Enc.

Keeper Seven Foot Knoll

HVS

May 12, 1936.

Mr. Harold L. Clemens,
396 W. Chestnut Street,
Washington, Pa.

Dear Sir:

1. Replying to your letter of May 6th, the address of T. J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, is 1252 Riverside Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

May 6, I936.

396 W. Chestnut St.

Washington, Penna.

U.S. LIGHTHOUSES
MAY
12
1936
NORFOLK, VA.

Baltimore Headquarters, of the U.S. Lighthouse Service.

Baltimore, Marylandd.

Dear Sir:

Would you please send mf the address Captain Thomas J. Steimhise, keeper of the Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse, in Chesapeake Bay.

I have lost his address sence I last wrote him.

Am a friend of his son aEarl, Steinhise.

Respectfully yuurs,

Harold Lee Clemens.

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T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven Foot Knoll Light Station,
1252 Riverside Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

1. I have your letter of March 6th and appreciate the difficulties you have been thru in the last several months.

2. This office would be very glad, indeed, to recommend you for an increas in pay. As a matter of fact, there are numerous deserving cases in the Fifth Lighthouse District but it would be useless for me to submit a recommendation to Washington as there are no funds available in any of the salary appropriations to increase the pay of any person in this District at the present time. I have heretofore submitted recommendation for increases among the keepers and have been assured by the Bureau of Lighthouses that just as soon as it is able to accumulate or secure sufficient funds for increases, favorable action will be taken on my recommendation. There has not been a single increase in pay in this district for a number of years. I am, however, hopeful that the Bureau may be able to arrange some increases in pay beginning with the next fiscal year. I cannot, however, give any definite assurances in that respect.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 9 1936
NORFOLK, VA.

FIFTH DISTRICT

~~March 6~~ Seven foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 6, 1936

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses Sir
I am riting you In regards to My not living at the station very much since the first of the year. although no Fault of my own. In December one of my sons return from a C.C.C camp and he had the scabys. and I didnot know It and one day I laid on his Bed and caught them. and they was set me Wild I was sick Long Before ~~Christmas~~ Christmas yet I Went on as usual at my work. In Frazier Left Sta a few days Before Xmas and Weather got bad and on January 2nd he return By Tender and I dident know What was comming to me as I had been ordered to Report to Capt almy office I new In my Heart I hadent Wrong In one but I Nerved some. after the Presentation I Went to the Doctor and tride to get rid of the scabys I return to the station and they got Worse In the meantime the Fog Signal Went out of Commison and I Went and got a new Clock Works and got them in good running order then return to Baltimore to the Dr at the Eastern House for treatment and the Freeze set In I got the Grip. When I was getting Better, My Wife was Taken sick I stayed Up & Night With her then she Pass away Luck a pleanty But all Was Bad. This has Been the Worse

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Jears so far I ever experience Up until the day I left home I had not recived any Check and left not a dollar In the house for those I left behind to live on, one Son Just came from Hospital from operation, Was not able to see his dead Mother. Take all this In consideration I dont see how my Bad Nerves stand it. I have recived Lots of Publicity of late, but that doesnt Pay Bill or give me a raise In Wages I am Working on the Lowest Base of Pay as yet. subject to your Consideration. I am running a School here that In 7 have had Six New Men here In the last 6 years after they are here a While they get transfered to some other Place. I have asked but the only Reply I got Was to Demote Myself to asst Keeper + then I could be transfered. The Deed I did When I rescue those Poor Man, has Cause the Lighthouse Department quite a lot of Recognition, Boath from the Public + Press and I am thankfull I was able to help. But I Would like to have a little help Myself. a good slogan is to do all the good you can to Everybody When death Come it Pays to live that life Subject to your Consideration. I am obedient servent

J. J. Steinhise Keeper

DEPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 23 1936
NORFOLK, VA.

JAN 10 1936

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am pleased to transmit a receipt from Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland, for a silver life saving medal awarded him by your department in recognition of his action in rescuing several men from drowning on August 21, 1933, which was transmitted to this department by your letter of December 10, 1935.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel C. Roper
Secretary of Commerce.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 5th Supt.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Washington

To 5th

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 26 1935
NORFOLK, VA.

December 10, 1935.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, by messenger, a silver life saving medal awarded by this Department to Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland, U. S. Lighthouse Service, Department of Commerce, in recognition of his service in rescuing several men from drowning on August 21, 1933. There is also transmitted herewith a letter addressed to him by this Department.

I will thank you to cause the medal and letter to be delivered to Keeper Steinhise and transmit his receipt for the medal to this Department.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Stephen B. Gibbons

Assistant Secretary.

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Ent. on card. MR

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
December 24, 1935.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Norfolk, Va., for information. The Bureau has turned over the medal to Associate Engineer R. L. Hankinson for delivery to Keeper Steinhise in connection with other duties Mr. Hankinson is engaged upon in the vicinity of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station.

For the Commissioner:

W.P. Harman

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

(COPY)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

December 10, 1935.

Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise,

Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland,

U. S. Lighthouse Service, Department of Commerce.

Sir:

There is transmitted to you today, under separate cover, a silver life saving medal awarded to you by this Department under Acts of Congress in recognition of signal exertions made by you in rescuing several men from drowning on August 21, 1933.

It affords the Department great pleasure to have this opportunity of commending the service rendered by you on the occasion mentioned.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Stephen B. Gibbons
Assistant Secretary.

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Norfolk, Va.
HVS

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Norfolk, Va.
August 7, 1935.

T. J. Steinhöse, Keeper,
Seven Foot Knoll Light Station,
Box 43, Sparrows Point, Md.

Subject: Annual Leave.

1. Upon checking up the leave records at the close of July it is found that you are 5 days and 17 hours over the accrued leave to date. To the end of July you have taken 45 days 17 hours leave, with a balance of 24 days 7 hours for the rest of the year. It will be necessary for you to keep within this balance in order to avoid leave without pay.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse

U. S. MARINE HOSPITAL
REMINGTON AVE. AND WYMAN PARK DRIVE

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

BALTIMORE, MD.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 27 1935
NORFOLK, VA.

February 26, 1935.

Mr. Lewis M. Hopkins,
Superintendent of Light Houses,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

On February 12, 1935 there was admitted to this hospital Thomas J. Steinhise, Lighthouse Keeper on duty at Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse.

Chief complaint was insomnia and general nervousness. Physical examination was more or less negative. Diagnosis was made of anxiety neurosis. During his stay in the hospital he was given symptomatic treatment and when discharged on February 21, 1935 seemed to be entirely normal.

I am reporting this to you for your information and such action as you deem practical. The man's mental state is such that he will have a recurrence of his condition if he continues on duty at Seven Foot Knoll. It is realized, of course, that most lighthouse stations are more or less isolated and the environment is similar to Seven Foot Knoll. If it is at all practical, however, I would recommend a change in this man's assignment.

Respectfully,

R. H. Creel,
Medical Director in Charge

RHC/RVH

7 Ft Knoll

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June 5, 1934.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Application for Award of Life-Saving Medal - Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Md.

1. Pursuant to previous correspondence, with particular reference to Bureau letter of May 3rd, this office has succeeded in obtaining affidavit from the Master of the Tugboat "Point Breeze" certifying to the credibility of the persons rescued by Keeper T.J. Steinhise. It is believed that this affidavit, together with those previously obtained and herewith attached, will constitute sufficient basis for application for gold life-saving medal for Keeper Steinhise.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT RALPH A. KIRCHNER, personally appeared before me, the subscriber, and made oath in due form of law that he is the Master of the Tugboat "POINT BREEZE" and saw the rescue of JAMES FRANKLIN SEVENS, HENRY F. KRASKE, ARCHIE C. MARSHALL and THEODORE J. MALINOWSKI by the Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Thomas J. Steinhise, on August 21st, 1933, when his boat partially sank near the Light Station.

He further states that he knows that the above-mentioned men have also made oath to the facts as above set forth and declares them to be credible persons with full responsibility of the intention to which their affidavits were to be put.

Ralph A Kirchner

Walter Steve
Assistant Collector of Customs

Witnessed by:

Adelaide N. Goldberg

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 4, 1934
BALTIMORE MD.

Seven Foot Knoll

May 3, 1934,

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

In reference to your indorsement of April 28, on Bureau reminder of April 14 in regard to your endeavor to obtain affidavits in connection with the awarding of a life saving medal to Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise:

The Bureau will not follow up this case further unless brought up by others and will leave the matter of further action to your discretion.

For the Commissioner:

W P Harman
W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 20 1934
BALTIMORE, MD.

July 12, 1934.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have to inclose herewith a letter dated August 22, 1933, and a supplemental letter dated June 5, 1934, from the office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Maryland, regarding the assistance rendered by Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland, at 12:30 A. M. on August 21, 1933, when the tug boat POINT BREEZE went down with fourteen men in the immediate vicinity of the lighthouse. There is also inclosed the following supporting papers:

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Copy of a letter dated August 21 from Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise.
Letter dated September 1, 1933, from C. H. Spedden, owner of the tug POINT BREEZE.
Joint affidavit of James F. Stevens, Henry P. Kraske, and Archie C. Marshall, and also affidavit of Theodore J. Malinowski.
Affidavit of Ralph A. Kirchner, Master of the tug POINT BREEZE, certifying to the credibility of the affiants.
Copy of Department commendation to Mr. Steinhise.

This matter is submitted in accordance with Treasury Department circular No. 46 of the year 1900 with recommendation that Mr. Steinhise be given such recognition for heroic action as may be deemed appropriate under the terms of the law.

Sincerely yours,

Sgd John Dickinson

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 5th Supt.

AWARD OF LIFE-SAVING MEDALS.

(Superseding Department Circular No. 86 of June 10, 1897.)

1900.
Department Circular No. 46.

Life-Saving Service.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., April 14, 1900.

The following extracts from acts of Congress, together with "An Act construing the Acts of Congress in relation to the award of life-saving medals," approved January 21, 1897, comprising all existing legislation relating to life-saving medals, are published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

AN ACT to provide for the establishment of life-saving stations and houses of refuge upon the sea and lake coasts of the United States, and to promote the efficiency of the Life-Saving Service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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SEC. 7. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to cause to be prepared medals of honor, with suitable devices, to be distinguished as life-saving medals of the first and second class, which shall be bestowed upon any persons who shall hereafter endanger their own lives in saving or endeavoring to save lives from perils of the sea, within the United States, or upon any American vessel: *Provided*, That the medal of the first class shall be confined to cases of extreme and heroic daring; and that the medal of the second class shall be given in cases not sufficiently distinguished to deserve the medal of the first class: *Provided, also*, That no award of either medal shall be made to any person until sufficient evidence of his deserving shall have been filed with the Secretary of the Treasury and entered upon the records of the Department.

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Approved, June 20, 1874.

AN ACT to organize the Life Saving Service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

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SEC. 12. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to bestow the life-saving medal of the second class upon persons making such signal exertions in rescuing and succoring the shipwrecked, and saving persons from drowning, as, in his opinion, shall merit such recognition.

Approved, June 18, 1878.

AN ACT to promote the efficiency of the Life-Saving Service, and to encourage the saving of life from shipwreck.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

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SEC. 9. That the life-saving medals of the first and second class authorized by the provisions of the seventh section of the Act of July twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, shall be hereafter designated as the gold and silver life-saving medal respectively, and any person who has received or may hereafter receive either of said medals under the provisions of said section, or the twelfth section of the Act of June eighteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and who shall again perform an act which would entitle him to a medal of the same class under said provisions, shall receive, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to award, in lieu of a second medal, a bar, suitably inscribed, of the same metal as the medal to which said person would be entitled, to be attached to a ribbon of such description as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, which may be fastened to the medal already bestowed upon said person; and for every such additional act an additional bar may be added. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized, in his discretion, whenever any person becomes entitled to a bar representing a gold medal, to award him, in addition to said bar, such token as it is customary to award in acknowledgment of the services of masters and crews of foreign vessels in rescuing American citizens from shipwreck.

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Approved, May 4, 1882.

Donaldson Towing & Lightering Co.,
Bourse Bldg.,
Phila., Pa.

operated by Curtis Bay Towing Co.,
Balto.

Master - Ralph A Kraemer - 3110 Clearview
Ave Hamilton, City

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

November 7, 1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Commendation.

1. With further reference to Bureau endorsement of August 29th on our letter of August 22nd, relative to our recommendation that Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, be awarded a life saving medal for his services in rescuing and succoring six drowning persons, for which he was commended by the Secretary of Commerce on August 29th, this office submits the following evidence:

Letter of September 1, 1933, from C. H. Spedden, President of the Curtis Bay Towing Company, owner of the Tug "POINT BREEZE";
Joint affidavit of James F. Stevens, Henry F. Kraske and Archie C. Marshall and affidavit of Theodore J. Malinowski, four of the five men rescued;
Letter from Joseph R. Blades, dated September 15, 1933, the fifth man rescued. It appears that Mr. Blades refused to make affidavit under a misapprehension of its import, having considered that his personal letter was sufficient.

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L. M. Hopkins
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C., November 14,1933

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., with request that the last paragraph of Treasury Department circular of instructions in this matter to the effect that the affidavits should "be accompanied by a certificate showing the affiants to be credible persons, certified by some United States officer of the district in which the affiants reside", be complied with. All your inclosures are returned in case you need them in this connection.

For the Commissioner:

W P Harman
Administrative Assistant

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Coast Guard Headquarters
Apr 17
APR 14 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

Subject: furnishing affidavits in connection with awarding of life saving medal to Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper

Bureau (indorsement) dated November 14, 1933

Your (letter) dated November 17, 1933 and indorsement on Bureau reminder dated February 19, 1934.

No report has been received from your office on the above subject. Submit report or advise when same may be expected.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman

Administrative Assistant
Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses.

AHL.

Office of Superintendent, Fifth District,
Baltimore, Maryland. April 28, 1934.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with the statement that we have made numerous efforts to have the proper official make the necessary affidavit. A representative of this office has made several personal visits to the office of the Curtis Bay Towing Company for that purpose and received assurances that the matter would be given prompt attention, which, to date, have not materialized. While the official is apparently interested in having Keeper Steinhise's act given full recognition, he evidently is not sufficiently interested to take the proper steps to complete the matter.

2. This office will make further effort to have the matter consummated at an early date.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

To be prepared in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses whether letter, indorsement, etc.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1932

Form 84 b

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

BUR. OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 10 1934

February 9, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

Subject: furnishing affidavits in connection with awarding of life saving medal to Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper

Bureau (indorsement) dated November 14, 1933

Your (letter) dated November 7, 1933

No report has been received from your office on the above subject. Submit report or advise when same may be expected.

For the Commissioner:

C. J. Ludwig, Jr.
Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses.

AHL.

Office of Superintendent, Fifth District,
Baltimore, Maryland. February 19, 1934.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with the statement that this office has made repeated efforts to have the proper official make affidavit as to the credibility of the men rescued by our Keeper T.J. Stenhise. As soon as this is accomplished, all papers will be submitted to the Bureau.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

To be prepared in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses whether letter, indorsement, etc.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1933

AHL.
Encls.

November 7, 1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Commendation.

1. With further reference to Bureau endorsement of August 29th on our letter of August 22nd, relative to our recommendation that Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, be awarded a life saving medal for his services in rescuing and succoring six drowning persons, for which he was commended by the Secretary of Commerce on August 29th, this office submits the following evidence:

Letter of September 1, 1933, from C. H. Spedden, President of the Curtis Bay Towing Company, owner of the Tug "POINT BREEZE"; Joint affidavit of James F. Stevens, Henry F. Kraske and Archie C. Marshall and affidavit of Theodore J. Malinowski, four of the five men rescued;
Letter from Joseph R. Blades, dated September 15, 1933, the fifth man rescued. It appears that Mr. Blades refused to make affidavit under a misapprehension of its import, having considered that his personal letter was sufficient.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ _____

personally appeared before me, the subscriber, and made oath in due form of law that he personally knows James Franklin Stevens, Henry F. Kraske, Archie C. Marshall and Theodore J. Malinowski and

BALTIMORE PHILADELPHIA

CURTIS BAY TOWING COMPANY
INCORPORATED 1910



SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
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CABLE-RADIO
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CECIL H. SPEDDEN
PRESIDENT
J. O. BROMWELL
OPERATING MANAGER

CONTINENTAL BUILDING
BALTIMORE, U. S. A.

November 6, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
U. S. Department of Commerce,
Custom House,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago Mr. Thomas J. Steinhice, Lighthouse Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse, left with us letter to be signed by the five men he saved from the water about 12.30 A.M. August 21st, 1933, when the tug "POINT BREEZE" partially sank near Seven Foot Knoll.

After considerable delay, which we regret, we have obtained the signatures of four of the men and submit herewith letters in duplicate bearing the signatures of the following men --

James Franklin Stevens
Henry F. Kraske
Archie C. Marshall
Theo. J. Malinowski

Mr. Joseph R. Blades has refused to sign this letter altho he was requested to do so by both Mr. Steinhice and myself, after it had been explained to him that the letter was to be placed to the credit of Mr. Steinhice's record in the Lighthouse Service.

Very truly yours,

THE CURTIS BAY TOWING COMPANY

AUDITOR

GIB:AMO

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 2 1933
BALTIMORE, MD.

Sept. 1, 1933.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Custom House,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

On Sunday evening, August 20th, our Tug "POINT BREEZE" was in distress off Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse, several members of the crew jumping overboard. After interviewing the Master of the Tug and other members of the crew, we have obtained an unusually impressive picture of the heroic and successful efforts of the Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse, whose name you have given us as Mr. T. J. Steinhice, in rescuing those members of the crew from the water under very adverse conditions and caring for them until they could be taken off the Lighthouse the following day.

To say that we appreciate Mr. Steinhice's efforts does not sufficiently praise his meritorious service and we sincerely hope that the Department will fully recognize the credit that is due him and place on his record any consistent benefits that you may decide the occasion warrants.

Very truly yours,

THE ~~CURTIS BAY~~ TOWING COMPANY

PRESIDENT

CHS:AMO

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**** C O P Y ****

THE ANCHORAGE
Broadway and Thomes Street,
Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.

September 15, 1933.

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my admiration and appreciation through your office to the Keeper, Mr. Steinhise of the Seven Foot Knoll in rescuing me at midnight on August 20th. It took both courage and seamanship on his part to accomplish such a feat.

I remain

Yours Respectfully,

/sgd./ JOSEPH R. BLADES.

Baltimore, Md.,
September 2, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

On August 21, 1933 on or about 12:30 A. M. the Tug boat Point Breeze partially sank near Seven Foot Knoll in the Chesapeake Bay with 14 (fourteen) persons on board.

Those in charge gave distress signals after which the lighthouse keeper Thomas J. Steinhise lowered his little motor boat and saved five men from the water.

There was a northeast storm at the time and he also took from the water Chief Engineer Percy Harrison who was dead to the best of our knowledge when taken into the lighthouse boat.

James Franklin Stevens

Henry F. Krastle

Archie C. Marshall

This certifies, that on the 6th day of ~~September,~~ November 1933, before the subscriber, a notary public of the State of Maryland, personally appeared, James Franklin Stevens, Henry F. Krastle & Archie C. Marshall, and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing statements are true.

As Witness, my hand and notarial seal.

Estelle Brown
Notary Public.

Baltimore, Md.
Sept. 2, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Baltimore,
Md.

Dear Sir:

On August 21, 1933, on or about 12.30 A.M. the tug boat POINT BREEZE partially sank near Seven Foot Knoll in the Chesapeake Bay with 14 (fourteen) persons on board.

Those in charge gave distress signals after which the lighthouse keeper Thomas J. Steinhise lowered his little motor boat and saved five men from the water.

There was a northeast storm at the time and he also took from the water Chief Engineer Percy Harrison who was dead to the best of our knowledge when taken into the lighthouse boat.

Theodore J. Malinowski

~~September~~ November This certifies, that on the 6th day of ~~September~~, 1933, before the subscriber, a notary public of the State of Maryland, personally appeared Theodore J. Malinowski and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing statements are true.

As Witness, my hand and notarial seal.

Justine Brown
Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC BALTIMORE, MD.

August 29, 1933.

Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Lightstation, Md.,
(Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses)

Dear Mr. Steinhise:

I have been very much impressed in reading a report relative to your action at 12:30 o'clock on the morning of August 21st in rescuing five men from the water when they went down with the tug boat, Point Breeze, in the vicinity of your station. I note that conditions were extremely hazardous and that when you set out in your launch to go to the men the seas were breaking over your boat and that the men were calling to you from all directions.

It gives me sincere pleasure to commend you in the warmest terms for your heroic action under these hazardous conditions, and to have the matter made a part of your official history.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Daniel C Roper.

Secretary of Commerce.

HG:MS Office of Superintendent, Fifth District,
Baltimore, Maryland. September 2, 1933.

Copy to 5th Superintendent.

1. Forwarded.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Asst. Supt.
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AHL.

September 1, 1933.

U. S. Local Inspectors,
Steamboat Inspection Service,
Custom House,
City.

1. This office is gathering evidence to support a recommendation for a life-saving medal for Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, who rendered signal services in rescuing and succoring six drowning persons on August 31, 1933, at 12:30 A.M., when the Tug Boat "POINT BREEZE" went down with fourteen men in the vicinity of the Light Station. Satisfactory evidence of the services performed, made in the form of affidavits by eyewitnesses, of good repute and standing, testifying of their own knowledge, must be filed.

2. It is understood that hearings have been held in this matter and it would be appreciated if your office would furnish abstracts of the testimony immediately relating to the above, prepared in the form of affidavits and duly executed.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

AHL.
Encl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 31 1933
BALTIMORE MD.

1933 AUG -23- AM 8:53

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

August 22, 1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Commendation.

1. There is enclosed report from Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, Md., giving an account of assistance rendered on August 21, 1933, at 12:30 A.M., when the Tug Boat "POINT BREEZE" went down with fourteen men in the vicinity of the Light Station.

2. In accordance with Art. 462, Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, it is recommended that Thomas J. Steinhise be commended by the Secretary of Commerce as an especially meritorious case of services performed under hazardous conditions.

3. It is further recommended that in accordance with Art. 463, Regulations of this Service, Thomas J. Steinhise be awarded a life saving medal for his signal services in rescuing and succoring six drowning persons.

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L. M. Hopkins
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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RG:MMS

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., August 29, 1933

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md. together with a copy of Treasury Department Circular No. 46 and with request that your office obtain the necessary evidence required as described in the last two paragraphs of the circular. The Bureau has prepared a letter of commendation for the signature of the Secretary and a copy will be duly furnished your office.

For the Commissioner:

O. P. Harman
W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

Inclosure

C. C.:-

Contract Bureau of Insp. Permit
Brooks for name, address,
of Master and of the five
men rescued. in
order to comply with
paragraph 7 of Treas. Cir
46 mentioned in the
Bureau's endorsement

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FIFTH DISTRICT

Seven Foot Knoll Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

August 21, 1933

Men that I saved from the Tug "POINT BREEZE":

Henry Kraske, 719 N. Montford - Fireman

Archie C. Marshall, Key Highway - Deck Hand

J. Frank Stevens, 213 E. Churchill St. - Deck Hand

Theodore Malinowski, Key Highway - Scowman

Joe Blades, Anchorage - Fireman

Percy Harrison, 518 S. Kenwood Ave. - Chief Engineer - Died.

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BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

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Asst Kpr.
Prep. Clk.
Storek.
Mechanician
File

Drawer Door Screen

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 7 1934
BALTIMORE, MD.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Sassafras Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 7, 1934

To The Superintendent of Lighthouses Sir Subject absence February 1934 has Put me In the red. In Regards to Boath Leave & Reasons. I left this Station February 5th on tender Violet Intending to return In Stations Boat. Mr J.W. Francis Went ashore In the 22 of January. from day to day I hoped for a chance to return Ice condition got Worse and When time Was out With me I call the office. The Tender Speedwell Captain said he couldent Land me at the Sta. As the Dept Keeper Informed you By Phone I Put My Provisions on Tender Violet and she Was Broke down at that time so I had to Waite Untell the 16. Thare No Fault of Mine. on the 21 the assistant Keeper return on the Speedwell I got Word that the Little Gaand child I have raised since he Was Borned Was dangously Ill. I asked the Captain of the Speedwell to take me ashore. that I only had one Boat at Sta I couldent leave the Sta Without a Boat With a man there. the 24th day I got ashore By another Boat. hoping to return In Sta Boat Ice got Worse and I Was aboard tender Violet 3 or 4 days Ice & Fog Bound as you know Untell the 4th of this Month. I dident Intend to to get In the red But Ice & fog has No Respect for anyone. hoping a fair consideration from you Respectfully

T. J. Stumbrick Keeper

12-30-33

7 House St St



To The Superintendent of Light-
-Houses Sir I Was taken sick on
the 8 of this Month and got no
Better under my own Doctor and
then after taking treatment at the
Public Health for Eight days
Was sent to the Marine Hospital
and stayed until 27 Improved then
on the 29 started for Lightpoint
after effort failed to get there as
Sea & stoped up Gas Line Prevented
me. While stoping to clear Gas
Line the Pump froze and load
to Carry Back and have not
reached the station at this

This riting Will get there Just
as soon as I can

hoping this Is Satisfactory as I
cannot make Weather condition to suit
me

Wishing you & office force &
all the World health & happyness
I Beg to Remane Respectfully

J. J. Steinhice
Keeper at Seven foot
Knoll

132 E Gitting St
City

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. Fifth DISTRICT.

November 25, 1930

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on on about December 15, 1930.

Name, Thomas J. Steinhice — Position, Keeper

From Upper Cedar Point Light Station — To Seven Foot Knoll Light Station

Previous incumbent, Otho Bounds

Services terminated, December 14, 1930 — Reason, Transferred to Love Point LH.

L. M. Hopkins.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

December 26, 1930

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with December 16, 1930.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent
Asst. P. S. Johnson
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

11—4598

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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BALTIMORE MD
DEC 28 1928
SUPT OF LIGHTHOUSES

December 19, 1928.

LIGHTHOUSES
1928 DEC 26 AM 11 39

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1929, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty (by change of station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1380 per annum.

To: $1560 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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Upper Cedar Pt.
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Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT,

Baltimore (City), Md., December 1, (Date) 1928

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Thomas J. Steinhise

Position, Keeper

Location, Upper Cedar Point L.H., Md.

Effective, January 1, 1929

Legal residence, Maryland

Proposed salary, $1560. p.a.

Proposed range, $1560-1860

Appropriation, Sal. Kprs. of L.H.

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

Former position, Asst. Keeper

Location, Cobb Point Bar L.H., Md.

Former salary, $1380. p.a.

Former range, $1380-1680

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

Previous incumbent, Thomas H. Barnes

Services terminated, December 31, 1928

Reason, Demoted to assistant keeper

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, September 29, 1878

Remarks:

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

11—2314

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

2400



July 1, 1928.

M. Thomas J. Steinhise,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260

To: $1380

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Cobb Pt Bar

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

Lighthouse Service,

April 29, 1927
(date)

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

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on ~~May 31,~~ _____, ~~1926.~~ 1927

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

Name ~~Thomas J. Steirhise,~~

Position ~~Assistant Keeper~~

Salary ~~$1260. per annum~~

Appropriation ~~Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses~~

Station ~~Ragged Point Light Station, Md.~~

Date of entrance on duty ~~December 1, 1926~~

Remarks:

H. D. King
(Signature of immediate superior)

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

SUBMITTED: April 30, 1927

H. D. King
(Head of Bureau or Office)

~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~

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

Form 111

VRH

2400

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Thomas J. Steinhise,

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.

Thomas J. Steinhise
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 1st day of December, A. D. 192 6

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) W. L. Rebbel

(*Official title*) Chief Clerk, 5th L. H. Dist

My commission expires .....

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT
Present Add'l. Keeper	$1140. p.a.	any station, 5th Lighthouse Dist.
Former[5]		

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

VRH

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT

Baltimore, Md., (Address) December 6, 1926 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 1, 1926 (Date)

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Form A-30 NOT ... AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES DEC 3 1926 BALTIMORE, MD.

November 24, 1926.

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

LIGHTHOUSES 1926 DEC 2 PM 1 15

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Eleven Hundred and Forty dollars per annum

effective December 1, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Fourth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Wm. T. Midgett.

Legal Residence: Maryland.

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Chief Cl.
2 A Supt.
3 A Supt.
4 A Supt.
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Adal. Kpr. eod December 1, 1926 oath OK record

11-8657

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

U.S. LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 4 1927
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, February 24, 1927.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1140 per annum to $1260 per annum, effective March 16, 1927, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

LIGHTHOUSES
1927 MAR 2 PM 1 59

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

11—8074 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Ragged PT.
eod March 16
ecard - 1944

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mrs. T. J. Stinchcomb

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

AUG 24 1940

Date of delivery, ----------, *193*

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

BALTIMORE MD. AUG 24 4 PM 1940

U.S. COAST GUARD AUG 26 1940 NORFOLK DISTRICT

REGISTERED ARTICLE

3909

No. _____

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No. _____

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Seven Foot Knoll Lt. Sta.

INDIVIDUAL RECORD OF ABSENCE FOR THE YEAR 1941

EMPLOYEE: Steinhise, Thomas J., [redacted] per OATH _____, 19___ SALARY: $[redacted]

ACCUMULATED LEAVE
ANNUAL: ___ DAYS ___ HRS. ___ MIN.
SICK: ___ DAYS ___ HRS. ___ MIN.

Day of Month	JANUARY D.	JANUARY H.	JANUARY M.	FEBRUARY D.	FEBRUARY H.	FEBRUARY M.	MARCH D.	MARCH H.	MARCH M.	APRIL D.	APRIL H.	APRIL M.	MAY D.	MAY H.	MAY M.	JUNE D.	JUNE H.	JUNE M.
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Aggregate										13			13					

Day of Month	JULY D.	JULY H.	JULY M.	AUGUST D.	AUGUST H.	AUGUST M.	SEPTEMBER D.	SEPTEMBER H.	SEPTEMBER M.	OCTOBER D.	OCTOBER H.	OCTOBER M.	NOVEMBER D.	NOVEMBER H.	NOVEMBER M.	DECEMBER D.	DECEMBER H.	DECEMBER M.
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9 August, 1949
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Mrs. Ida M. Steinhise
1306 South Charles Street
Baltimore 30, Maryland

My dear Mrs. Steinhise:

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

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

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

N. W. SPROW
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Military Morale Division

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

Sirs:

Inclosed is the claim of Mrs. Ida M. Steinhise for the final retired pay due the estate of her husband, Thomas Jefferson Steinhise, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, who died 22 July, 1949.

This claim in the amount of $38.40 has been examined and is approved for payment. The appropriation to be charged is 2001241 Retired Pay, Coast Guard, 1950.

Expenses incurred incident to the burial of the deceased have not been paid as per attached signed waiver.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

N. W. SPROW
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Military Morale Division

Incls.
1. Form No. 2661
2. Form No. 1055
3. Waiver

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Honorable Guy Cordon
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Cordon:

Reference is made to your letter of August 3, 1949, in which you requested that the case of Mrs. Thomas J. Steinhise, widow of a retired Keeper who died on July 22, 1949, be examined to ascertain whether she is entitled to a pension or other benefits.

The record shows that Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise served as Keeper at various light stations in the Lighthouse Service and the Coast Guard until his retirement on account of disability under the provisions of the Lighthouse Retirement Act of June 20, 1918, as amended, on April 30, 1941.

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

In view of the foregoing, I regret to advise you that there is no pension or other benefits due Mrs. Steinhise on the basis of her husband's service with the Coast Guard or the former Lighthouse Service.

Very truly yours

J. F. FARLEY
Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commandant

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT
U. S. COAST GUARD

TO:

CONGRESSIONAL
MAIL

Acknowledge or make full reply within
48 hours as required by directives

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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August 3, 1949

Admiral Joseph F. Farley
The Commandant
Coast Guard
Old Southern Railway Building
1300 E Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Farley:

I shall be indebted if you will have a thorough investigation made into the case of Mrs. Thomas J. Steinhise, 1306 South Charles Street, Baltimore 30, Maryland, widow of Mr. Steinhise who died on July 22, 1949. Mr. Steinhise was a former Lighthouse Service employee and his widow, now 57 years of age, wishes advice as to her entitlement to pension or other benefits. Any information you can give me on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Guy Gordon

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

Re: Thomas J. Steinhise, Kpr. FLHS, Retired
Deceased

Gentlemen:

The following information relative to the pay account of the retired civilian employee named above is furnished for use in the settlement of claim for final pay held due in his case:

Date of death:	22 July 1949
Gross pay to date of death:	$38.40
Federal tax withheld and disposed of:	None
Other deductions:	None
Net amount due on death:	$38.40

Last paid for the period 1-30 June 1949 on D. C. Vou. No. 436-28328, settled in the June 1949 accounts of Paul D. Banning, CDO, Symbol No. 1372.

Appropriation to which chargeable: 2001241, Retired Pay, Coast Guard, 1950.

Application for payment of amount due the decedent (Standard Form 1055) is being furnished the next of kin.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

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

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Rec'd FEA Aug. 1949

26 July, 1949
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Mrs. Thomas J. Steinhise
1306 So. Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Mrs. Steinhise:

Headquarters has been advised of the death of your husband, Thomas Jefferson Steinhise, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now United States Coast Guard, Retired, on 22 July, 1949. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

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

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

In the event you have in your possession any uncashed retired pay checks, these should be returned to Coast Guard Headquarters for settlement with your claim for the retired pay due on date of death.

When the inclosed forms have been completed, please return them to Coast Guard Headquarters in the inclosed pre-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

Incls.
1- Form No. 1055
2- Waiver
3- Envelope

N. W. SPROW
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Military Morale Division

JUL 28 1949

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

POST OFFICE BOX 540
NORFOLK 1, VA.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
COMMANDER,
FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT (pc)
REFER TO FILE: 75

File

26 July, 1949

From: Commander, 5th Coast Guard District
To: Commandant (PC)

Subj: Thomas J. Steinhise, Retired Keeper; death of

This office has been advised that subject man died at 2045 on 22 July, 1949.

Lester F. Braun
LESTER F. BRAUN
By direction

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26 July, 1949

From: Commander, 5th Coast Guard District
To: Commandant (PC)

Subj: Thomas J. Steinhise, Retired Keeper; death of

This office has been advised that subject man died at 2045 on 22 July, 1949.

LESTER F. BRAUN
By direction

MRG/ejl

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TREASURY DEPT.

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INFORM

TEXT

THOMAS JEFFERSON STEINHISE L H S RETIRED DIED 22 JULY AT 8:45 PM

THIS HOSPITAL

CFN 22 8:45 PM

25/1235Z JULY BEPJP

OPERATOR'S RECORD AND DATE

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OFFICIAL INITIALS

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

FORM APPROVED.
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 50-R064.

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

1. NAME (MR.—MISS—MRS.—FIRST—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST)	2. DATE OF BIRTH	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO.	4. DATE
Steinhise, Thomas J. (Mr.)	5-29-1878	11	9-7-48

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

5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY)	6. EFFECTIVE DATE	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY
AMENDMENT Retirement (Disability)	Close 4-30-41	

FROM		TO
Keeper	8. POSITION TITLE	
Range $1560-1920) Plus $1620 per annum) $60 pa Qtrs	9. SERVICE, GRADE, SALARY	
U. S. Coast Guard	10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS	
Norfolk, Va. Seven-Foot Knoll Lt. Sta., Md.	11. HEADQUARTERS	
[X] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL	12. FIELD OR DEPT'L	[ ] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL

13. REMARKS

In accordance with the Comptroller General's Decision B-70029 dated 10-23-47, which reversed Decision A-31584 of 5-28-30, your retirement pay has been recomputed on the basis of the average gross pay (which includes the valuation of quarters for the period occupied) received during the last five years of your active duty. The computation on this basis changes the rate of your retirement pay from $605.89 to $628.48, and this notice is issued in order that you may have accurate information as to the rate of retirement pay which you are authorized to receive.

Total Service: 15 years, 0 months, 22 days.

Computation: ($1669.16 x 15.0611 ÷ 40) = $628.48

H. L. Morgan
H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division
14. SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION

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

17. SEX	18. RACE	19. APPROPRIATION	20. SUBJECT TO C.S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES—NO)	21. DATE OF OATH (ACCESSIONS ONLY)	22. LEGAL RESIDENCE
M		FROM: TO: Civilian Employees, CG	Ln 3-4-25		Maryland

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4. PERSONNEL FOLDER COPY

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17 January, 1945

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise
1306 S. Charles Street
Baltimore 30, Maryland

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 15, 1945, in which you requested a duplicate of your notice of retirement.

This office has no extra copies of the retirement notice. However, the record shows that you were retired from the position of Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland, effective at the close of April 30, 1941, on account of physical disability, under the provisions of the Lighthouse Retirement Law of June 20, 1918, as amended by the Act of March 4, 1925, with retired pay at the rate of $605.89, based on 15 years and 22 days service.

By direction of the Commandant:

Very truly yours,

H. L. MORGAN, Assistant Chief
Civilian Personnel Division

U. S. COAST GUARD
MAIL SECTION (1)
MAILED JAN 18 1945

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Jan 16 1945

U.S. Coast Guard Washington DC

JAN 19 '45 PM

Gentlemen In December 1944 En route from La Plata Md to Baltimore Md on Greyhound Bus I Lost my Wallet an In It Was my Retired Papers from the Coast Guard & Lighthouse service I advertised It and Reported It at all Stops & terminals. Please send me Duplicate of the same and oblige me. With grates Respect I am

Respectfully

Thomas J. Steinhice Retired Kps
306 S. Charles St Baltimore 30
Maryland

Please fold

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HEADQUARTERS

ADDRESS THE COMMANDANT, U. S. COAST GUARD
AND REFER TO No. CP-[illegible]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON 24 June, 1941.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, Norfolk District

Subject: Retirement of Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper, close 4-30-41.

Inclosure: 1. Form 2249, Department Notice of Retirement.

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

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

By direction,

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

May 7, 1941
Seven-Mile Knoll St. Sta. Md

Thomas J. Steinhise
General Delivery, South Station
Baltimore, Md.

Paid on Voy Roll for May & June
4/8/41

FORM 9619-A

TREASURY DEPT. U.S. COAST GUARD

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FROM: COM NORDIST

ACTION: COMDT

INFORM:

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YOUR 051558 STEINHISE WAS PTIENT IN MARINE HOSPITAL INCAPACITATED ENTIRE MONTH OF MAY X UP TO CLOSE OF APRIL HE HAD USED ALL ACCRUED ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE AND THIRTY DAYS ADVANCE SICK LEAVE

REF:-WAS THOS J STEINHISES ABSENCE DURING MONTH MAY LAST DUE TO PHYS INCAPACITY TO PERFORM DUTY AND WAS HE PATIENT IN MARINE HOSP AT TIME OF EXAM 20 MAY

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 1-41

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared: June 4, 1941.

Name: Steinhise, Thomas J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No.: 1241

Retirement, disability

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper	
Grade	Field (Range $1560-1920)	
Salary	$1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Gtre.	
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	
Headquarters Post of Duty	Norfolk, Virginia	
Appropriation	Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta., Md.	
Allotment	Civilian Employees, C. G.	

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EFFECTIVE *Remarks:* close April 30, 1941.

The annual rate of retired pay is $605.89.

Justification:

Total service: 15 years and 22 days.

Computation: ($1609.16 x 15.0611 ÷ 40) $605.89.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Maryland

SEX: M RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

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

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act

DATE OF OATH

E. R. STILES,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 3249
REV. 1-41

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared: June 4, 1941.

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Position Grade Salary	Keeper Field (Range $1560-1920) $1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Ctrs.	
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	
Headquarters Post of Duty Appropriation Allotment	Norfolk, Virginia Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Stn., Md. Civilian Employees, C. G.	

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SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act

DATE OF OATH

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY: 6.10.41

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 1-41

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 4, 1941.

TO: Date Prepared

Name: Steinhise, Thomas J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard Bureau No.: 921

Cancellation of change in status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

	FROM	TO
Position Grade Salary	Keeper Field (Range $1560-1920) $1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a.Ctrs.	Keeper Field (Range $1380-1740) $1440 p.a. plus $60 p.a.Ctrs.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters Post of Duty Appropriation Allotment	Norfolk, Virginia Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta.,Md. Civilian Employees, C.G.	Norfolk, Virginia Ragged Pt.Lt.Sta.,Md. Civilian Employees, C.G.

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Remarks: Travel from Baltimore, Maryland to Valley Lee, Maryland, necessary in interest of Government, not for convenience of employee is authorized, with per diem of $3.50 in lieu of subsistence, chargeable to symbol No. 29. Travel by privately owned automobile at the rate of 4¢ a mile, if more economical and advantageous to the United States than travel by commercial carrier, authorized. If travel is by privately owned automobile, a statement certifying that such travel is more economical and advantageous than travel by commercial carrier must be attached to the voucher.

*H.S.Atherton

Justification: The transfer of Mr. Steinhise is for disciplinary purposes as a result of neglect of duty in connection with the general upkeep of the station. In the new assignment he will be subordinate to another keeper who will have responsibility for the accomplishment of the maintenance and other work required at the station.

The recommendation for transfer of this employee was submitted to the Department on October 11, 1940, but was not received back in this office with the Department's approval until December 28, 1940. In the meantime Mr. Steinhise became ill and the Marine Hospital at Baltimore advised that his health was very poor and his chances to return to normal occupation were slight. Therefore, in view of his age and physical condition, it was not practicable to effect his transfer, and although it was proposed for disciplinary purposes, it is recommended that it be cancelled for the reasons stated.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Md.

SEX: M RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE: *

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

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 6-20-10

DATE OF OATH

Approved: June 4, 1941.
/s/ Herbert E. Gaston,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY: JUN 23 1941

BUREAU OR DIVISION PERSONNEL FILES

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 1-41

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared: June 4, 1941.

Name: Steinhise, Thomas J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No.: 921

Cancellation of change in status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper	Keeper
Grade	Field (Range $1560-1920)	Field (Range $1380-1740)
Salary	$1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a.Stre.	$1440 p.a. plus $60 p.a.Stre.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters Post of Duty	Norfolk, Virginia Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta.,Md.	Norfolk, Virginia Ragged Pt.Lt.Sta.,Md.
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C.G.	Civilian Employees, C.G.
Allotment		

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L. R. STILES,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Md.

SEX: M — RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE: Death

*H.S.Atherton

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

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

DATE OF OATH

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

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Form 9626
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard
Sept. 1930

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

TRANSMIT

DATE 4 JUNE 1941

FROM
COMMANDANT
COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

TO (FOR ACTION)
COMMANDER NORFOLK DISTRICT

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CP-75

18 June, 1941

Mrs. Thomas J. Steinhise,
1306 S. Charles Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 12, 1941, requesting information relative to your husband, Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise.

Headquarters received an application from your husband for retirement because of physical disability, which was approved after carefully considering the findings of his medical examination. His retired pay will amount to $605.89 per year, and will be effective as of 1 May, 1941.

As soon as approval is obtained from the Treasury Department, which is expected daily, the Commander of the Norfolk District will be notified, your husband placed in a retired status and he will receive his retired pay monthly.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

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

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Commandant
U.S. Coast Guard
Washington D.C.

U. S. COAST GUARD
REG'D JUN 14 1941

Close 4-30-41
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Sir:

As one in distress I appeal to you for information in regards to my husband Mr. Thomas J. Stenhise he was sent to the Marine Hospital for examination for a Pension by a letter from head officials now it is 2 months since he was sent there last month he received his check but so far this month he has not recieved a penny we are poor people the Rent & Insurance must be paid and we must eat or we cant live. He worked from the 6th of January until the 14th of April with one day leave of absence 1 day sick leave I know of men who are in the Hospital since January they are light Keepers also they receive their checks then why doesnt my husband receive his I am sure the Law & Regulations are the same with all light keepers when Justice is survived without Malice. I beg you to look into this matter as soon as possible either sent him back to work or pension him my husband doesnt know I am writing you this letter

but something must be done so the whole burden is on my shoulders trusting you will help me I remain one in great need

Mrs Thomas J Steinhise
1306 S Charles St.
Baltimore
Md.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

Date 31 May, 1941.

Memorandum for- Chief Personnel Officer.

Subject: Lighthouse Keeper Thomas Jefferson Steinhouse, physical condition.

Inclosure: 1. Certificate of Medical Examination, 20 May, 1941.

1. The medical evidence contained in inclosure 1 has been reviewed and found satisfactory. It is recommended that subject named man be retired for physical disability.

Carl Michel

CARL MICHEL,
Medical Director.

Form 9

TREASURY
DEPARTMENT
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~
U. S. Coast Guard

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D MAY 24 1941

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Commander,
~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~

Date 5 April, 1941

Norfolk District

Norfolk, Va.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective MAY 1, 1941 on the basis of service shown hereon.

Thomas J. Steinhise,
General Delivery, South Station,
Baltimore, Maryland.

X Thomas J. Steinhise
(Name)

Keeper
(Designation)

OFFICE OF ~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~ Commander, Norfolk District

City Norfolk, Va. *Date* 23 May, 1941

Commandant, U.S.C.G.

Submitted to ~~Commissioner of Lighthouses~~, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $.....

per annum, effective at the close of 30 April ~~31 May~~, 1941

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

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction. ~~Superintendent~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*,

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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Form 9

TREASURY DEPARTMENT ~~OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER~~
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~
U. S. Coast Guard

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name Thomas J. Steinhise Date of birth 29 September, 1878

Designation Keeper

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment, Lighthouse Service and Coast Guard							
Light Keeper	Jan.	29	1919	Nov	15	1919 ✓	9 - 17
	Dec.	1	1926	~~May~~ Apr.	~~31~~ 30	1941 ✓	14 - 5 - 00
							15 - 2 - 17
							1 23
							15 - 0 - 22
	Leave without pay, 11 Nov. 1940 - 5 Jan. 1941, inclusive ~~and month of May, 1941.~~						
Total service			15 years and 22 days ✓				

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

Amended to include qtrs. as result Comp. Gen. Dec. B-70029 dated 10-23-47

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or P. H. personnel)	Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year			
Pay	Mar.	6	1936	Nov.	10	1940	4Y 8M 5D		✓
	Jan.	6	1941	Apr.	30	1941	3M 25D	total	8045.83
Quarters	Mar.	6	1936	Nov.	10	1940	4Y 8M 5D	60.00	280.83
	Jan.	6	1941	Apr.	30	1941	3M 25D	60.00	19.17 ✓
									8345.83 ✓

Total compensation for last five years of active service $8345.83 ✓

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1669.16 ✓

Annual rate of retired pay ($1669.16 × years 15.0611 ÷ 40) = $628.48 ✓
(Not exceeding 30)

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Form 9

~~TREASURY~~
DEPARTMENT ~~OF COMMERCE~~
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~
U. S. Coast Guard

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment, Lighthouse Service and Coast Gu							
Light Keeper	Jan.	29		Dec.			

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

If so, state the compensation received: —

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or P. H. Personnel)	Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year			
	March	8	1936	June	30	1936	3 Mo-25D	$1560.PA	$ 498.33
Light Keeper	July	1	1936	Jan.	31	1937	7 Mo	1560.PA	910.00
	Feb.	1	1937	June	30	1937	5 Mo	1620.PA	675.00
	July	1	1937	June	30	1938	1 Yr.	"	1620.00
	July	1	1938	June	30	1939	1 Yr.	"	1620.00
	July	1	1939	June	30	1940	1 Yr.	"	1620.00
	July	1	1940	Nov.	10	1940	4 Mo.10D	"	585.00
	Jan.	6	1941	Apr.	30	1941	3 Mo.25D	"	517.50

Total compensation for last five years of active service $8,045.83

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1,609.16

Annual rate of retired pay ($1,609.16 × years 15.0611 (Not exceeding 30) 40) = $605.89

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

NORFOLK, VA.

OFFICE OF COMMANDER
NORFOLK DISTRICT

21 March, 1941.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station; Transfer; Retirement.

Reference: (a) Personnel Notification - Form 2249.

Inclosure: (A) Reference (a) in quadruplicate.

1. It is requested that inclosure (A), approving transfer of subject employee to position of Assistant Keeper, Ragged Point Light Station, be canceled. It is anticipated that recommendation for retirement of Mr. Steinhise on account of disability will be forwarded shortly.

C. J. Sullivan

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction.

Condition of nose and sinuses ..... no infection .....

Condition of mouth and throat, including tonsils and teeth ..... tonsils not remarkable; only front incisors present. .....

Bones, joints, muscles, including atrophies ..... Slight to moderate limitation of motion in all joints, especially knees and back. .....
(Express limitation of motion, if any, in degrees and joint involved)

Respiratory system ..... emphysematous findings in both lungs. .....

Cardiovascular system:

(*a*) Heart ..... Normal in size and shape. Dilatation of aorta. .....

(1) Murmurs ..... none ..... (2) Arrhythmias ..... none .....

Not advisable to exercise patient.

(*b*) Pulse rate: (1) Sitting ..... 90 ..... (2) After exercise ..... (3) 2 minutes after exercise .....

(*c*) Blood pressure: (1) Sitting—Syst. 170 ..... Diast. ..... 100 ..... (2) After ex.—Syst. ..... — ..... Diast. ..... — .....

(*d*) Condition of blood vessels ..... Moderate thickening and sclerosis .....

Evidence of thyroid or other endocrine disturbance ..... none .....

Abdomen and gastro-intestinal system, including hernia ..... x-ray evidence duodenal ulcer .....

Genito-urinary system:

Urinalysis—Sp. gr. ..... 1.026 ..... Reaction ..... acid ..... Albumin ..... negative ..... Sugar ..... negative .....

Sediment microscopic (required when albumin or sugar is found) ..... occ. pus cell .....

Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

(*a*) Station ..... good ..... (*e*) Gait ..... good .....

(*b*) Tremor ..... none ..... (*f*) Coordination ..... good .....

(*c*) Patellar reflexes ..... present ..... (*g*) Peripheral circulation ..... good .....

(*d*) Other motor disturbances ..... none .....

Alcohol ..... slight ..... Drugs ..... none ..... Syphilis ..... none ..... Epilepsy ..... none .....

Other neurological findings ..... none .....

General impression ..... Patient suffering from multiple constitutional diseases. .....

Here describe fully nature of disability: ..... Arteriosclerosis, general; arthritis, chronic, hypertrophic, general, moderate; hypertension, arterial; duodenal ulcer; pulmonary emphysema; dilatation of aortic arch. .....

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Is disability to perform duty of a permanent character? ..... yes .....

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

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

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service

U. S. Marine Hospital .....
(Place of examination)

May 20, 1941 .....
(Date)

K. R. Nelson .....
(Examining surgeon)

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service .....
(Title and branch of medical service)

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U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D MAY 24 1941

Form 2523
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

(Act of March 4, 1925)

NAME OF CLAIMANT Thomas Jefferson Steinhise DESIGNATION Lighthouse Keeper

Height 5 ft. 9 in. Weight 188 lbs. pounds. Complexion fair

Color of eyes gray Color of hair gray

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination: Elderly, well developed and nourished white male. No marked distinguishing characteristics.

Description of duties of position (to be filled in by district commander):

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: Pain in knees and back since Spring, 1940. Stomach distress from stomach ulcer for years. Shortness of breath and cough on exertion.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Visual acuity (uncorrected): R. E. 20/ 30 L. E. 20/ 30

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

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

Reads Jaeger No. J-2 at 13 inches, with correction.

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

Inspection normal

Pupils normal Pupillary reaction normal

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

Appearance of right drum silvery, left drum silvery

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

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CP-75

26 November, 1940.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, Norfolk District.

Subject: Thomas J. Steinhise, leave status.

Reference: (a) Your letter November 25 (75).

1. For the reasons set forth in reference (a), leave without pay for a period of one month is approved for the subject employee, beginning November 11, it being noted that all annual and sick leave, including 30 days advance sick leave, expired at the close of November 10.

2. If this employee is not able to return to duty at the expiration of the approved one-month period, your office is authorized to grant him an additional month's leave without pay, prior to the expiration of which further recommendation should be submitted. The attention of your office, however, is invited to the fact that leave without pay is not "active" service, and may not be counted in making up the 15 years of service required in order to be eligible for retirement on account of disability, in accordance with the Act of 20 June, 1918, as amended.

By direction,

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

OFFICE OF COMMANDER
NORFOLK DISTRICT

Norfolk, Va., 25 Nov., 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Thomas J. Steinhise, leave status.

1. The subject employee is at present Keeper of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, although he was nominated on Form 73, dated 27 Sept., 1940, for transfer to position of Assistant Keeper, Ragged Point Light Station, Md. We are in receipt of advices from the U. S. Marine Hospital, Baltimore, Md., where Steinhise is a patient, to the effect that he is in very poor health and that his chances to return to his normal occupation are very slight. He lacks 3½ months of the required 15 years for disability retirement under the Lighthouse Retirement Law. His annual and sick leave, including the permitted advance of thirty days sick leave expired at the close of 10 November.

2. It is requested that Headquarters approve at this time 30 days leave without pay, commencing 11 November, for Steinhise, as it is possible that he might sufficiently improve to warrant his assignment to some light duties to enable him to round out the required fifteen years' service.

3. It is believed this solution is an equitable one, and Headquarters' approval is requested.

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction.

CP-75

October 17, 1940.

Director of Personnel,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Parhan, Room 120.

Sir:

In accordance with your informal request, there are herewith submitted copies of pertinent papers in connection with the proposed transfer of Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise to Ragged Point Light Station, Maryland, form 2249 for which was submitted on October 11, 1940.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

R. J. GROSS,
Chief, Civilian Personnel.

Inclosures (4).

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 5-40

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared: October 11, 1940.

Name:

From: Steinhise, Thomas J.
U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No: 921

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

Change in Status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

	FROM	TO
Position		
Grade	Keeper	Keeper
Salary	Field (Range $1560-1920) $1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Otrs.	Field (Range $1380-1740) $1440 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Otrs.
Bureau or Div.		
Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters		
Post of Duty	Norfolk, Virginia	Norfolk, Virginia
Appropriation	Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta.,Md.	Ragged Pt. Lt. Sta., Md.
Allotment	Civilian Employees, C.G.	Civilian Employees, C.G.
Field or Deptl.	Field	Field

EFFECTIVE
Remarks:

E.O.D.

Travel from Baltimore Maryland to Valley Lee, Maryland, necessary in interest of Government, not for convenience of employee is authorized, with per diem of $3.50 in lieu of subsistence, chargeable to symbol No. 29. Travel by privately owned automobile at the rate of 4¢ a mile, if more economical and advantageous to the United States than travel by commercial carrier, authorized. If travel is by privately owned automobile, a statement certifying that such travel is more economical and advantageous than travel by commercial carrier must be attached to the voucher.

Justification:

The transfer of Mr. Steinhise is for disciplinary purposes as a result of neglect of duty in connection with the general upkeep of the station. In the new assignment he will be subordinate to another keeper who will have responsibility for the accomplishment of the maintenance and other work required at the station.

W. R. STILES,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Maryland

SEX	RACE
M	W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW	ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY	VICE

*W.S.Atherton

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act

DATE OF OATH

Mrs Mosley
Dept pers
Washington
12-18-40
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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 6-40

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared October 11, 1940

Name: Steinhise, Thomas J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No: 921

Change in Status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper	Keeper
Grade	Field (Range $1560-1920)	Field (Range $1380-1740)
Salary	$1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Qtrs.	$1440 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Qtrs.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters	Norfolk, Virginia	Norfolk, Virginia
Post of Duty	Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta.,Md.	Ragged Pt. Lt. Sta., Md.
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C.G.	Civilian Employees, C.G.
Allotment		
Field or Deptl.	Field	Field

EFFECTIVE

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Approved: October 11, 1940.
(signed) Herbert E. Gaston
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Cancelled

10-11-40

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Maryland

SEX: M

RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW

ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY

VICE

*H.S.Atherton

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act

DATE OF OATH 4-20-16

BUREAU OR DIVISION PERSONNEL FILES

DEC 28 1940

Treasury Department
U. S. Coast Guard
Form 73
~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~
~~BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES~~
Approved Sept. 1, 1938

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D SEP 28 1940

NOMINATION

Norfolk ~~LIGHTHOUSE~~ District Norfolk, Va. (City) 27 Sept. (Date), 1940

~~COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES~~ Commandant: Change in status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

Action recommended Transfer and Reduction

Name Thomas J. Steinhise Date of birth 29 Sept., 1878 Legal residence Md.

	From—	To—
Position,	Keeper	Asst. Keeper
Pay and grade	$1620 p.a. ($1560-1920) Plus $60 for qtrs.	$1440 p.a. ($1380-1740) Plus $60 for qtrs.
Station	Seven-Foot Knoll Lt. Sta., Md.	Ragged Pt. Lt. Sta., Md.
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C. G.	Civilian Employees, C. G.

Effective 16 October, 1940. { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Vice N. S. Atherton #9-1 Pay $1380 p.a. Services terminated 29 June, 1939

Reason Transfer and Promotion

REMARKS:[2] Mr. Steinhise is entitled to military preference. Travel is recommended from Baltimore, Md., to Valley Lee, Md., inasmuch as transfer is in the interest of the Government.

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

Manager, Civil Service District.

C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction ~~Superintendent of Lighthouses.~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, , 19

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Travel

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.
[2] In case of vessel officer, state license held.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 1
(Approved by the President, May 24)
Revised Dec. 5, 1929

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment Treasury Dept U.S.L.H. Lighthouse Date September 15th

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Steinhise (Surname) Thomas (Given name) Jefferson (Middle name)
2. Present address 1806 (Number) Light St (Street) Baltimore (City) Maryland (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence Maryland. Fifth (State and Congressional District) Baltimore (County) (City or town)
4. Where born Leonardtown St Marys Co Md (State or foreign country) (City or town) When born Sept 29 1878 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien —
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)		
Male	Female	Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed	White	Colored	
√		√				√		

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you 1 age 16. 1 age 27. Partly Incompetent
8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
Lighthouse	Lower Ledge Pt	asst Keeper	93.50	January	29	1919	Nov	15	1919
Stations 6 to 12 months	Duty at different Lighthouses	Sub + Relief Keeper	90 to 1100	√	—	—	—	—	—
Lighthouse	Various	additional Keeper	4 per day	Dec	1	1926			
Lighthouse	Greenfield Bank	Keeper	1.3500						

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below:

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
None	Position None Department or office	None
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below: No

(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service? No

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

12. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information, and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary
	√						

June 1898 Enlisted

Enlisted ~~ARMY~~ Discharged June War discharge

Rank Private

First or Fifth Md Regiment

Organization

Rank

Organization

Enlisted June 1898 Discharged June War

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) Black Smith + Erector

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE
Baltimore Dry dock Shipyard	Erector	1918 to 1919
J. B. Gunnershaven	Oil Station + Garage Manager	2 years

15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

Common school	High school	College	(Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

16. In case of emergency, notify Iris Thelma Davis. Until November 7. then Wife assistant Berry

Relationship Daughter Post office address 1806 Light St Baltimore Md

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

T. J. Stinhire

(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1930

Copy of this form not sent to Department.

CP-75

10 September, 1940

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, Norfolk District.

Subject: Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station.

Reference: (a) Your letter of 28 August, 1940.(75).

Inclosure: 1. Yellow carbon copy of reference (a).

1. Your office may submit nomination Form 73 for Keeper Steinhise's transfer in accordance with paragraph two of reference (a) upon the occurrence of a suitable vacancy.

2. This letter should be cited as your office's authority on Form 73.

3. Inclosure is herewith returned.

By direction,

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

MAILED
SEP 12 1940
MAIL DESK

N.R.S. RGToth

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U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D AUG 29 1940

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

OFFICE OF COMMANDER
NORFOLK DISTRICT

Norfolk, Va., 28 August, 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Charges against T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station.

Reference: (a) Inspection report 7 August, 1940.
(b) Copy charges neglect of duty, 17 Aug., 1940.
(c) Answer to charges, 24 Aug., 1940.

Inclosures: (1) Reference (a)
(2) Reference (b)
(3) Reference (c)

1. The answer in reference (c) to charges preferred in reference (b) against T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, is considered irrelevant and immaterial, and, therefore, unsatisfactory. In view of these facts, the charges are considered sustained.

2. It is, therefore, recommended that Keeper T. J. Steinhise be reduced to rating of Assistant Keeper and transferred to another station in the Norfolk District. It is recommended further that Keeper Steinhise be placed on probation for a period of one year.

3. For the information of Headquarters it can be stated that Steinhise will be eligible for retirement, if found physically incapable of performing his duties, in about six months. It is anticipated that his physical condition will be checked at that time to determine, among other considerations, his ability to continue in the service.

W. J. KEESTER,
Acting.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~
~~NORFOLK, VA.~~

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~

Commander, Norfolk District, U. S. Coast Guard
U. S. Coast Guard,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Box 6312 South Station
Address
~~FIFTH DISTRICT~~
Seven foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
August 24, 1940
Date

U. S. COAST GUARD
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NORFOLK DIST.

Sir,

In answer to letter recieved Aug 24, 1940
Today of Say to my duties, I am not guilty,
I have not been well for a long time owering
to my injury and bad health, I have been a
Subject to and am still a Subject of Superintendants
Or Commanders of their consideration. Any American
Says that I dont try to do my duty in regards
to my duties to the Government of the United States.
(I have and my Parents before me) I have never in
my life failed to heed any caution to give my
best efforts to do what I am told. I am and can
Submit to the President of the United States when
I am compelled to, as a Loyal citizen with proper
cooperation from the Goverment and my
assistance to do my duty at all times

Respectfully Thomas J. Steinhise
Keeper

17 August, 1940

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Keeper T.J. Steinhise,
Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station,
South Station - Box 6412,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Subject: Charges - neglect of duties.

Inclosure: (1) Copy of Inspection Report made 7 August, 1940.
(2) Copy of letter dated 18 October, 1937.

1. An inspection of your station on 7 August indicates that you have been lax in your duties to the extent that the station has deteriorated and become so very far below the standard required by the Coast Guard as to warrant the following charges:

2. You have failed to heed the caution given you by the former Superintendent of Lighthouses, in a letter dated 18 October, 1937, copy attached.

3. You are charged with neglect of duty in permitting the station to become into a deplorable condition. It is dirty, disorderly and in need of painting, as indicated in copy of the report of inspection made on 7 August, attached.

4. You will be given 21 days from this date to answer these charges. Your answer must be confined to the specific charges herein made and it must be expressed in temperate language as indicated in Paragraph 91, of the "Instructions to Employees of the U.S. Lighthouse Service, 1927", a copy of which is or should be on your station.

W. J. KEESTER,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Acting Commander, Norfolk District.

Form 61

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

REPORT OF INSPECTION OF LIGHT STATION OR DEPOT

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D AUG 29 1940

~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~

OFFICE OF ~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~ Commander, Norfolk DISTRICT,

16 August, 1940

1. Name of aid, Seven Foot Knoll.
2. Inspected by N.C. MANYON, Commander on 7 August 1940.
3. Does aid conform in characteristic and description to official lists? Yes.
4. Is the aid in efficient condition and does it function properly?
   (a) Light. Yes
   (b) Fog signal. Yes
   (c) _____
5. Is the station in clean and orderly condition? No.
6. Are records and correspondence files maintained properly? No. Needs files and instructions.
7. Are tools and supplies properly stored and cared for? No.
8. Does property return check with count of selected items? No.
9. Were surplus and condemned articles surveyed and disposed of? No.
10. Is the station in proper state of repair as to—
    (a) Work that can be done by the keepers? No.
    (b) Work that cannot be done by the keepers? Yes.
11. Station rating: Cleanliness, 60 ; orderliness, 60 ; operation, 100

12.

PERSONNEL RATING		Name	Neatness	Conduct	Efficiency
	Keeper	Steinhise	Absent on leave		
	1st Asst	Willis -BM1c	80	80	80
	2d Asst				

Scale of rating: 100=Excellent. 90=Good. 80=Average. 70=Fair. 60=Poor. 50=Very poor.

13. Remarks.—Give further information as may be necessary relative to negative answers to questions 3 to 10. Mention should be made of all important facts concerning the station.

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The condition of this station is deplorable. (See separate letter)

Paint room - very dirty and disorderly.
Bell room - " " .
Roof - needs painting.
Lantern storm panes - very dirty.
Metal on lens - dirty.
Upper galley deck needs painting.
Bell machinery - dirty.
Door leading from lower deck to kitchen - needs scraping and painting.
Food locker - dirty.
Floors - dirty, need scrubbing and refinishing.
Storm doors - need scraping and painting.
Kitchen floor - dirty.
Kitchen - needs scrubbing and painting.

MEMO for maintenance and repairs:
Station needs heating stove - MANGUM 15 or equal.
Boat engine needs new eccentric straps and rocker arm.

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12 February, 1940.

Director of Personnel,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

There is attached hereto a copy of a letter of caution addressed to Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, for information and the official record of this employee.

By direction of the Commandant,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Jones,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief Personnel Officer.

Inclosure: (1).

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Ltr copy to [illegible]

7 February, 1940.

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, Md.
(Through Commander, Norfolk District).

Headquarters has given careful consideration to your reply to charges in the matter of your having permitted the assistant keeper to bring intoxicating liquors to the station on his return from leave on 21 December, 1939, in violation of paragraph 120 of the Instructions to Employees. It is noted that Willie P. Willis, BM lc., is assigned to the duties of assistant keeper at your station, and that upon his return from leave you observed that he brought intoxicating liquors to the station, but that you had doubts as to your authority to enforce the regulations in this instance, and that you departed from the station on leave under these circumstances. In consideration of the explanation submitted by you no action will be taken beyond cautioning you with regard to your responsibility as keeper in charge of the station, and your attention is directed to the above cited paragraph of the Instruction for your future guidance.

By direction,

C. H. Jones,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief Personnel Officer.

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1st indorsement.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, Norfolk District.

The above copy is referred to your office for the files of this employee, attention being invited to the recommendation of your office in the matter under date of January 8. In consideration of the circumstances as well as the prior record of Keeper Steinhise, Headquarters deems the above letter of caution the appropriate action in this instance.

By direction,

C.H.Jones,
Chief Personnel Officer.

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25 January, 1940.

The Commandant (via Chief Personnel Officer).

Subject: Steinhise, Thomas J., Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, Norfolk District.

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2. The Inspector-in-Chief recommends against any action in the case of Steinhise until the Willis case is finished. Willis is to be tried before a Coast Guard Court, and as he has, approximately, twenty-five years' service, and a wife and three children, it is doubtful if the Coast Guard Court will award a dismissal or dishonorable discharge to him; and, in all fairness, Steinhise should receive greater leniency as the victim of the offense than should Willis who was the perpetrator of the offense.

3. It should be borne in mind that Keeper Steinhise was probably not sure of his authority over Willis, and, during this period of adjustment, care should be taken that no injustice is done to the Lighthouse personnel. Steinhise has an excellent record for service and sobriety, and, since 1934, Willis has an excellent record for drunkenness.

Norman B. Hall,
Acting Inspector-in-Chief.

NH-LMG.

Recorded: 1-25-40 (LMG).

Thos V Steinhise

Mr Grant,

Please hold

until after the

Willis case is

disposed of.

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Capt.Jones telephoned that he has just received information to the effect that Boatswain's Mate W.P.Willis has been found not guilty of intoxication by court marshall, and that under the circumstance the appropriate action with regard to Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise would be to caution him of his responsibilities as keeper in charge of the station to enforce the regulations with regard to the introduction of alcoholic liquors on light stations by his assistants, whether his assistants be in an enlisted status or otherwise.

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Capt Lonergan

This letter to Steinhise is submitted along the basis of your telephone advice to the effect that a court found Tuttle not guilty RG

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-IN-CHIEF

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

DATE 25 January, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Commandant (via Chief Personnel Officer).

Subject: Steinhise, Thomas J., Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, Norfolk District.

2/7 Steinhise

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Norman B. Hall,
Acting Inspector-in-Chief.

16 January, 1940.

Chief Personnel Officer.

With reference to the Norfolk District's attached recommendation of January 8 for the dismissal of Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, the case has been examined in detail and the following comments are submitted for the completion of the record and to indicate the basis for final action:

The dismissal of Keeper Steinhise is recommended by the District on the basis of charges against him involving the fact that he permitted the assistant keeper to bring intoxicating liquor to the station on December 21, and that on that night the assistant keeper (Willis) apparently became intoxicated with the result that he neglected to operate the light that night.

Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station is a two keeper station without family quarters. It appears that the assistant keeper position has been filled since last October by BMlc W. P. Willis, and that Willis returned from 15 days leave about 11 A.M. on December 21, and that Keeper Steinhise went on leave about 1 P.M. on the same date. It appears that on his return from leave Mr. Willis was considered to have been drinking by Keeper Steinhise but that he was not actually intoxicated and that Keeper Steinhise considered Mr. Willis capable of performing his duties at the station. The evidence however indicates that Willis brought some liquor back to the station with him on returning from leave and that Keeper Steinhise actually saw Willis unpack this intoxicating liquor but did not ~~know~~ anything about it. Steinhise explains that since the liquor was Willis' personal property he considered himself without authority in the matter.

The Regulations in this matter are as follows:

> "The introduction of alcoholic liquors or other intoxicants on board any lighthouse vessel or within any lighthouse reservation is strictly prohibited, and officers or employees in charge will be held directly responsible for the enforcement of this regulation."

It therefore appears plain that Keeper Steinhise was derelict in his duty in not observing this requirement of the Regulations in permitting Mr. Willis to bring intoxicating liquor to the station.

In general, in civil service disciplinary cases, the aim is to make the disciplinary action fit the offense, in other words, to make the punishment fit the crime. Unless the employe's offense is a very severe one plainly showing that the employee can not be tolerated and must be dismissed, it appears necessary in arriving at an equitable penalty to review his offense in the context of his entire record. In other words, if an employee has a long and meritorious record that fact is of necessity a consideration in determining any penalty to be imposed upon him for any mistakes or misconduct he may make in carrying on his duties. As to Keeper Steinhise's prior record, it shows that he is 61 years of age and has been in the Service upwards of 14 years. During his period of service he was commended some half dozen times on account of some especially meritorious action. Among these commendations is one in 1928 at the instance of Congressman Free whose wife was in a party on a small boat which went aground at Cobb Bar Lighthouse on the Potomac River where Mr. Steinhise

was stationed at that time and Steinhise went to the boat's aid. Also among the commendations of Keeper Steinhise is one by Secretary of Commerce Roper in 1933 in connection with Keeper Steinhise's rescue from drowning of five men from the tug boat Breeze which went down near Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station with fourteen people on board on August 21, 1933. In recognition of this latter action, Mr. Steinhise was also, on the recommendation of the then Lighthouse Service, awarded a silver life-saving medal by the Coast Guard or Treasury Department on December 10, 1935.

Keeper Steinhise's record appears clear of any previous disciplinary action except a letter of caution addressed to him on October 18, 1937 with regard to some poor painting work at the station.

In consideration of the full record, therefore, it appears doubtful that the District's recommendation for the dismissal of Keeper Steinhise is fully warranted by the circumstances of the case, and in lieu of that it is recommended that he (a) be severely reprimanded and demoted $10 a month for a period of six months, or (b) that he be demoted from principal keeper to assistant keeper upon the occurrence of a suitable vacancy, and that in either case recommendation be submitted to the Department for final action.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Norfolk, Virginia

U.S. COAST GUARD (11)
REC'D. JAN 10 1940 By
ANS.

8 January, 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Charges against T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Ft. Knoll Light Station.

Enclosures: (a) Copy of charges.
(b) Answer to charges.
(c) Copy of report of investigation outage Seven-Ft. Knoll Light Station.

1. Under enclosure (a) there is transmitted copy of charges addressed to T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, under date of 28 December, 1939. Under enclosure (b) there is transmitted herewith Mr. Steinhise's reply to these charges.

2. After considering all the facts in this case, it is my opinion that Keeper Steinhise is guilty as charged. Furthermore, there is strong evidence to show that he left the station without being regularly relieved, in which connection see enclosure (c).

3. After giving all the facts full thought and consideration, I recommend that Thomas J. Steinhise be dismissed from the Coast Guard Service.

T. G. CRAPSTER.

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U. S. COAST GUARD (11)
REC'D. JAN 10 1940 By
ANS.

Baltimore Md. January 5th - 1940

To The Commander of U.S.C.G. Norfolk District

Sir:

In answering the letter of Dec. 28-1939, Willie P. Willis arrived at Station December 21 around 11:30 A.M. by boat out of Bodkin Creek. Fresh westerly wind at the time made landing difficulty. He brought with him a basket of groceries, also his grip. Mr. Lewis stopped only long enough for Willis to get out. After things were gotten to the living quarters Mr. Willis unpacked among other things I saw, 3 bottles of supposed intoxicating liquor. I never tasted it as he seemed sober enough, only grouchy and the less I said the better for all. I thought once to throw it overboard; then I would have been destroying personal property. Knowing he is not very well at times it could have been doctor's orders. As I was alone at the Station from the 5th to the 21st without any substitute or relief I was ready to go when he arrived and he told me he was all right. Sir, I am truly sorry this happened but I surely don't feel guilty or was the cause of the outage of the light at Seven Foot Knoll December 21, 1939. In all my years I never had anything like this to happen on any Lightstation and knowing I have the right to destroy I shall say it will never happen again.

I beg mercy for all concerned.

Respectfully

/s/ Thomas J. Steinhise

Keeper

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

U. S. COAST GUARD (11)
REC'D. JAN 10 1940 By
ANS.

Norfolk, Virginia

28 December, 1939

From: Commander, Norfolk District
To: T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven Foot Knoll Light Station,
Box 6412 - South Station,
Baltimore, Md.

1. There is before this Office evidence of the fact that you, as keeper in charge of a light station, permitted the Assistant Keeper to bring intoxicating liquors on board the station, in violation of Par. 120, "Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1927", copy of which is on your station.

2. You are hereby charged with a violation of the said regulation. A specific instance which occasions these charges is 21 December, 1939, when the Assistant Keeper, W. P. Willis, brought a quantity of intoxicating liquors on board the station, the use of which was or could have been responsible for the outage of Seven Foot Knoll Light on the night of 21 December.

3. Your reply to the charges must be in temperate language, free from countercharges, and relate specifically to the matters referred to in the charges. See in this connection Par. 91, "Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1927."

4. You will be allowed ten days to reply to these charges.

T. G. CRAPSTER.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.,
26 December, 1939.

From: Engineer in charge, Lazaretto Depot.
To: Commander Norfolk District.

Subject: Outage, Seven Foot Knoll Light, 21 Dec., 1939.

Reference: (a) Telephone request from Mr. Bartlett, Commander's office, that investigation be made. Telephone request about 0230 22 Dec. 1939 relayed to Eng. in Chge Lazaretto Depot at 0700 22 Dec. 1939.)

Inclosure:
1. Interview with W.P. Willis, BMlc, 111-117, 23 Dec. 1939.
2. " " John Brickhouse, Seaman, MISTLETOE,".
3. " " Lee Hodd, Seaman, MISTLETOE, ".
4. " " L.B. Snowden, 1st Officer, MISTLETOE,".
5. " " Thos. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, 23 Dec., 1939.

1. Upon receipt of reference (a) proceeded to Lazaretto Depot, and upon securing services of Mr. Frazier to act as substitute keeper, subject light station, per telephone authority from Commander's office, after loading of two sets six cells each Willard cells, and other material on tender MISTLETOE, proceeded to Seven Foot Knoll Light Station. Tender left Lazaretto Depot about 1330 Dec. 22. Upon arrival at Seven Foot Knoll it was considered inadvisable to attempt landing, therefore tender proceeded to Upper Chesapeake Lighted Bell Bucy 5, relighting same 1710. Tender anchored off Swan Pt. overnight awaiting favorable landing conditions at Seven Ft. Knoll.

2. Arrived off Seven Ft. Knoll about 0830 Dec. 23, put Mr. Frazier aboard light station, and took off W.P. Willis, BMlc, with two seamen attached to tender MISTLETOE. About 1100 Dec. 23, boarded the light station in company of 1st Officer, commanding tender MISTLETOE, and returned W.P. Willis, BMlc to station. Station and records inspected. Condition of station records noted in station Journal. Description of station records as of 1030 Dec. 23 follows:

(a) Last entry in watch book-"SD to SR 20 Dec., T.J. Steinhise"
(b) Last entries in form 303 (Record of absences)-
"Willie P. Willis 5 Dec. 2pm-Liberty
T.J. Steinhise 21 Dec. 1230pm-Liberty"

Station searched for liquor, none found. Expendable necessary supplies noted and considered adequate.

S.F. Clark

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

U.S. COAST GUARD (JJY)
RECD. JAN 10 1940 By

Lazaretto Depot,Balto.,Md.
26 December 1939.

Interview with W.P.Willis,BMlc,aboard tender MISTLETOE,0855 23 Dec.,1939,by Engineer in charge,Lazaretto Dep.

1.The following statement was read:
"This is an investigation to endeavor to get the facts relating to the outage of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station from sunset 21 Dec.1939 to 0010 22 Dec.1939."
Q.What is your name,rating or rank,and number?
A.Willie P. Willis,BMlc,111-117.
Q.On what date in December were you authorized to leave the light station for shore liberty?
A.December sixth,I think.
Q.On what date did this leave expire?
A.December twenty first.
Q.On what date and what time did you return to the light station,and by what means?
A.I returned 11 am December 21,1939,by hired boat.
Q.Did you light the main light at Seven Foot Knoll at sunset 21 December 1939?
A.No.

2.Before p utting the following questions,Willis was advised that he might answer,or refuse to answer by so stating,the following questions.He was advised that at this time,no specifications or charges were pending against him.
Q.For what reason was the light not lighted?
A.Went to sleep.
Q.At what time did you fall asleep?
A.Around 4 or 5 pm.
Q.Was the Keeper,Seven Ft.Knoll Lt.Sta.,aboard the station at sunset 21 Dec.,1939?
A.No,he wasn't.
Q.What time did the Keeper leave the station on 21 Dec.,1939?
A.Around noon.
Q.On what date were you attached to Seven Ft. Knoll Lt.Sta.?
A.Fifth of October,1939.
Q.Did you understand that it was your duty to light the light on Seven Ft.Knoll Lt.Sta.,at sunset on 21 Dec.1939?
A.Yes.
Q.Do you wish to make any further statement?
A.No.

3.The following additional questions were asked at about 1030 Dec.23,aboard tender MISTLETOE,the statement at head of paragraph 2 being repeated before the questions were put.
Q.Were you drinking intoxicating liquor on the light station on 21 Dec.,1939?
A.No.
Q.Did you bring any intoxicating liquor aboard the light station on 21 Dec.1939?
A.No.

S.F.CLARK
Eng.in charge,Lazaretto Depot.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Gua[illegible]

Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.
26 December, 1939.

Interview of John Brickhouse, Seaman, aboard tender MISTLETOE, 0920 25 December, 1939, by Engineer in charge, La zaretto Depot.

1. The following statement was read:
"This is an investigation to endeavor to get the facts relating to the outage of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station from sunset 21 Dec., 1939, to 0010 22 Dec. 1939."

Q. What is your name, rating, and vessel?
A. John Brickhouse, seaman, tender MISTLETOE.
Q. Did you board the light station on either of the mentioned dates, and at what time?
A. We went aboard midnight, 22nd of December, 1939, time by ahrm clock on station.
Q. Who else boarded the station at that time?
A. Commanding Officer Snowden, Emery Ridgell fireman, and Lee Dodd seaman, tender MISTLETOE.
Q. Did you observe the station p ersonnel?
A. Yes.
Q. Describe condition of station and personnel.
A. No light was seen, and man on station was in bed. We went on and lit the light. When we came down from tower, I could smell liquor.
Q. Did you remain on station and for how long?
A. Yes; until about 8 oclock this morning.
Q. Did anyone else from tender MISTLETOE remain on station with you?
A. Yes; Lee Dodd remained with me.
Q. Did you see any liquor on the station?
A. Saw about quarter of pint of what seemed to be whiskey.
Q. Where was this?
A. Under p illow on bed.
Q. Did you make a search for this?
A. No.
Q. How then did you happen to see it?
A. Pillow was disarranged by Asst. Keeper.
Q. When did you see it?
A. Night before last around one oclock.
Q. Was the bed occup ied at that time?
A. Yes/.
Q. By whom?
A. The Assistant Keeper.
Q. Were you in the tower before the light was relighted on Dec. 22?
A. Yes.
Q. Was the lamp in position?
A. No.
Q. Were curtains hung over the inside of the lantern, or removed?
A. Curtains were hanging to windows, just as I had left them the morning before.
Q. Were you then on the station on December 21?
A. Yes.
Q. For what purpose?
A. To relieve Keeper while he was in for examination.
Q. Is there a stove on station?
A. Yes.
Q. Was there a fire in the stove on Dec. 22 when you boarded the sta.?
A. Very little.

S.F.Clark S.F.Clark, Eng. in chge, Laz. Depot.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

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Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.
26 December, 1939.

Interview of Lee Dodd, Seaman,
aboard tender MISTLETOE, 1005 23 Dec., 1939, by Eng. in charge, Laz. Depot.

1. The following statement was read:
" This is an investigation to endeavor to get the facts relating to the outage of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station from sunset 21 Dec., 1939 to 0010 22 Dec., 1939."

Q. What is your name, rating, and vessel?
A. Lee Dodd, Seaman, Acting Quartermaster, tender MISTLETOE.
Q. Did you board the light station on either of the mentioned dates, and at what time?
A. Yes; at 12 oclock midnight 22nd of Dec. 1939.
Q. Did you observe the station p ersonnel?
A. Yes.
Q. Describe condition of station and personnel.
A. Man in station was in bed, did not see any light.
Q. Did you remain on station and for how long?
A. Yes; until this morning.
Q. Did anyone else from tender MISTLETOE go on station with you?
A. Yes; John Brockhouse.
Q. Did you see any liquor on the station?
A. I saw something in a bottle, which was on the floor near the bed when station was boarded.
Q. Were you in the tower before the light was relighted on Dec. 22?
A. No.
Q. Is there a stove on the light station?
A. Yes.
Q. Was there a fire in the stove on Dec. 22 when you boarded the station?
A. Yes.
Q.

S. F. Clark
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Eng. in chgo,
Lazaretto Depot.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md.
26 December, 1939.

Interview of L.B.Snowden, 1st Officer, aboard tender MISTLETOE, 1630 23 Dec., 1939, by Eng. in chge, Laz. Depot.

1. The following statement was read:
"This is an investigation to endeavor to get the facts relating to the outage of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station from sunset 21 Dec.1939 to 0010 22 Dec.1939."

Q. What is your name and position?
A. L.B.Snowden, 1st Officer, tender MISTLETOE.
Q. When was an outage of the light first reported to you?
A. At 930pm Dec.21,1939 by night watchman, Lazaretto Depot, who relayed message from USS Calypso that SS President Warfield Old Bay Line had reported the light out.
Q. What was your first action upon receipt of this report?
A. Verified report and found it to be true.
Q. Where was tender MISTLETOE at time of first report?
A. At Lazaretto Depot.
Q. Were any further reports received, and from whom?
A. At 954pm from Mr. Bartlett in Norfolk by telephone.
Q. What was your action upon receipt of these reports?
A. Proceeded to Seven Ft. Knoll light; 1140 pm anchored off Seven Foot Knoll light.
Q. Did you board the light station and at what time?
A. Yes at twelve midnight.
Q. Were other men taken aboard the light station and if so who?
A. John Brickhouse, Emery Ridgell, and Lee Dodd.
Q. Did you observe the station personnel?
A. Yes.
Q. Describe condition of station and personnel.
A. Light extinguished. When I boarded the light, I first spoke to the Assistant Keeper, and asked him what was the trouble. He said he would light the light. After seeing his condition, I took Seaman Brickhouse, proceeded to tower, lit the light, took down lens curtains, and came downstairs. I took second look at Assistant Keeper, who was lying in bed, and his condition apparently was not of such nature as to intelligently converse. Owing to strong NW wind and rough sea, my men in boat were unable to keep off rocks. I had to leave station at once, leaving two men, John Brickhouse, and Lee Dodd. I gave them orders to keep the light, start fog signal if necessary, keep watch around the station, and watch the Assistant Keeper. They were ordered to remain there until picked up by the tender.
Q. Is it your opinion that the Assistant Keeper was intoxicated?
A. Yes.
Q. On what indications do you base such opinion?
A. By smell of liquor in the living room when I entered it, and by his general behavior and actions.
Q. Did you see any liquor on the station?
A. No, I did not make search.
Q. Was there a fire in the stove on station? at time of boarding?
A. Yes.
Q. What was condition of the living room?
A. There was one blanket on the floor and a suitcase on the floor.
Q. Did you consider that the Assistant Keeper was in need of medical attention?
A. No.

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S.F.CLARK, Engr. in charge, Laz. Depot.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

Lazaretto Depot, Balto., Md
26 December, 1939.

Interview of Thos.J.Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Ft.Knoll Lt.Sta., 2245 23 Dec., 1939 at 1306 S.Charles St., Baltimore, Md., by Eng.in charge, Lazaretto Depot.

1.
Q.What is your name, rank, and station?
A.Thomas J.Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Ft.Knoll Lt.Sta.
Q.On what date in Dec.1939 was the Asst Keeper authorized to leave the light station on liberty?
A.The fifth.
Q.On what date did this leave expire?
A.To best of my knowledge, 15 days after Dec.5.
Q.On what date and at what time did the Asst Keeper return to the light station and by what means?
A.Around 1130am on Dec. 21st with Mr.Lewis from Bodkin Creek by boat.
Q.Did you leave the light station on 21 Dec., 1939?
A.Yes.
Q.At what time?
A.One pm
Q.Did you properly instruct the Assistant Keeper in his duties before leaving station?
A.Yes.
Q.At the time you left the station did you consider that the Asst. Keeper was capable of performing these duties?
A.Yes.
Q.Did the Asst Keeper bring any intoxicating liquor aboard the light station on 21 Dec.1939?
A.Yes.
Q.In what quantity and what was its nature?
A.A quart and another bottle about 2/3 full of Calvert whiskey, and one p int gin.
Q.Did the Asst.Keeper drink any intoxicating liquor aboard the light station on 21 Dec.1939?
A.I never saw it.
Q.Is it your opinion that the Asst Keeper was intoxicated at the time he boarded the light station 21 Dec.1939?
A.Partly.
Q.On what do you base this opinion?
A.Had I been in a boat I would not have been afraid for him to have been at the helm.
Q.Did the Assistant Keeper have any difficulty boarding the station?
A.No.
Q.Did you take any steps toward removing the liquor from station or destroying it?
A.No.
Q.Are any other facts known to you which you believe should be stated at this time?
A.No.

2.Before putting the questions listed in 1.above, the following statement was read."This is an investigation to endeavor to get the facts relating to the outage of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station from sunset 21 Dec.1939, to 0010 22 Dec.1939."

S.F.CLARK
Eng.in chge,
Lazaretto Depot.

S. F. Clark

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the
Administrative Assistant to the
Secretary

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August 25, 1938.

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Mr. T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
7-Foot Knoll Light Station,
P. O. Box 6412, South Station,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Steinhise:

The Department of Commerce is interested and takes pride in the services you were able to render a small, disabled boat near your Station on July eighteenth. The matter has been brought to the attention of Secretary Roper and myself. Please accept my commendation.

Cordially yours,

J. M. JOHNSON

J. M. Johnson,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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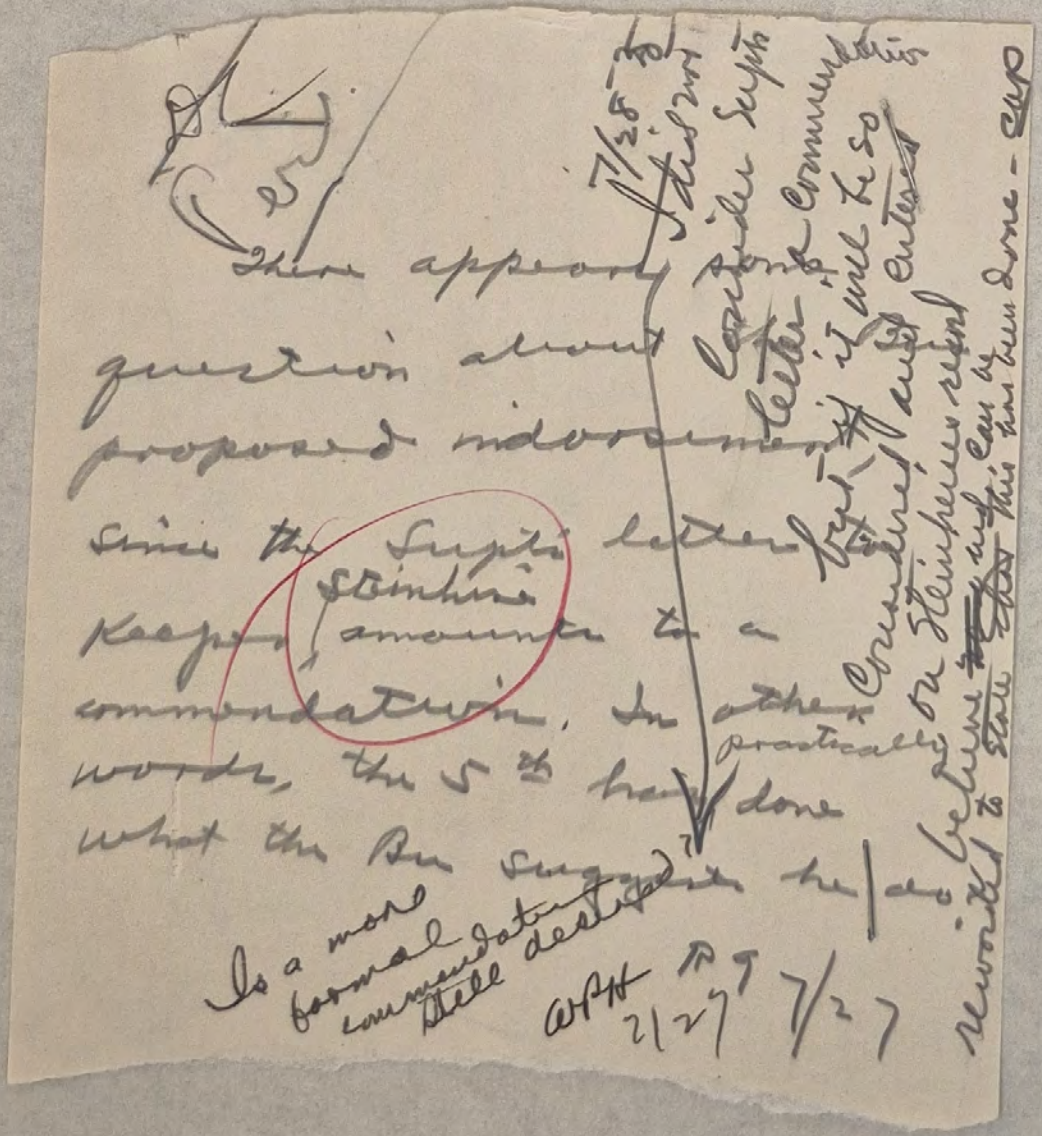
Superintendent of Lighthouses, Norfolk, Va.

The Bureau has noted your letter of July 22, 1938 to T. S. Steinhise, keeper of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, regarding assistance rendered by him on July 18 to 3 men in a disabled motor boat, and noted the matter as a part of his official record. Your attention is invited to the fact that copies of commendation should be submitted to the Bureau in duplicate in order that a copy may be submitted to the Department for its files, and it is requested that this be done hereafter.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NORFOLK, VA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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FIFTH DISTRICT

Seven foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 18, 1938

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses

Sir: Subject, Assistance rendered.

This evening about 3 P. M. there was a Squall with stormy winds for a while. Near this station was a small boat with 3 men aboard and their engine became disable. I the Keeper was looking at them and saw that unless they got to this station they were going to sink. I taken a long line and succeeded in getting it to them as they passed the rocks and pull them to the house and manage to sling their boat with rope and saved it without much help from them as they were very scared. I had them to write their names and they were shakey. After the storm was over I help them repair the engine and they went home. One said never a fishing trip again for him. Hoping this is satisfactory.

Respectfully,

T. J. Steinhise

Keeper

P. S. I am sending you their names as they rote them.

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To Dept.

Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

Office of Supt.,5th Dist.,
Norfolk,Va.
July 22, 1938.

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J. M. JOHNSON

Keeper T.J. Steinhise,
7-Foot Knoll Light Station,
P.O. Box 6412, South Station,
Baltimore,Md.

Subject: Assistance rendered.

1. This office has read with interest your letter of July 18th relative assistance rendered 3 men in a disabled motor boat, and is pleased to note your action in this case.

N.C.Manyon
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,D.C.,
August 19, 1938.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information. Copy of Mr. Steinhise's letter of July 18 is attached.
For the Commissioner:

R.J.Gross
Chief,Personnel Division.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NORFOLK, VA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
NORFOLK, VA.

July 22, 1938.

Keeper T. J. Steinhise,
7-Foot Knoll Light Station,
P.O. Box 6412, South Station,
Baltimore, Md.

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N. C. MANYON,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
July 27, 1938.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Norfolk, Va. It appears that the assistance rendered by the ~~Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses, together with copy of~~ above mentioned letter.

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses, together with copy of its comendation by the Superintendent and it is suggested that consideration be given to such action, copy of which should be submitted to the Bureau in duplicate.

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Would warrant superintendent's suggestion be carried out

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
NORFOLK, VA.

October 18, 1937.

Steinhise

Keeper,
7-Foot Knoll Light Station,
P.O. Box 6412, South Station,
Baltimore, Md.

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Subject: Caution.

1. An inspection of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station by the Superintendent on October 11 found the maintenance of the station far below the standards of the Lighthouse Service.

2. The exterior was being painted in a very slovenly manner, the red lead being permitted to run and presenting a very unsightly appearance.

3. The roof had been painted over scaling paint and rust. The station tools were rusty and the base of the fog signal machinery showed clearly that the usual care in handling the handle of this machine had not been taken.

4. You are hereby cautioned that your station must evidence great improvement in the future or it will be necessary to take definite disciplinary action to see that Government property is cared for in the manner prescribed in the Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service.

N. C. MANYON,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to: Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
October 21, 1937.

Copy submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Division of Personnel
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1937

Mr. T.J. Steinhise

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1937

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,

WM. J. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Hon. Harold D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses
Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

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all enclosures returned as requested

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

The enclosed correspondence relative to Captain Thomas J. Steinhise is sent to you with the request that you return it to me with your advice as to whether he is now in the service or retired and receiving retired pay.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

M Tydings

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May 5, 1936

Hon. Millard E. Tydings,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Tydings:

In reference to your letter of April 30 requesting information as to the status of Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise:

Mr. Steinhise is employed as keeper at Seven Foot Knoll Lightstation, Maryland, at a salary of $1560 per annum. The records show that he first entered the Service in 1919 but resigned after approximately nine months' service. He was again employed on December 1, 1926, since which time his service has been continuous.

The Lighthouse Service Retirement Law of June 20, 1918, as amended, provides for voluntary retirement at age sixty-five after a minimum of thirty years' service, and for compulsory retirement at age seventy. As Mr. Steinhise is now in his fifty-eighth year (born September 29, 1878), and has only approximately ten years of service to his credit, he would not be eligible for voluntary retirement at age sixty-five if he continued in the Service, but, of course, would be retired under the compulsory provision at age seventy, provided he remained until that age.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Heroic Rescue by the Kee

Daring Exploit in the Heavy Gale Which Drove a Ship Onto the Shoals and Earned a Medal of Honor for the Keeper of the Light Who Saved the Lives of the Crew

The Light-Keeper's Son Tells of a Strange, Ghostly Clutch Which He Says Waked Him Out of His Sleep and Revealed the Peril of a Stranded Ship



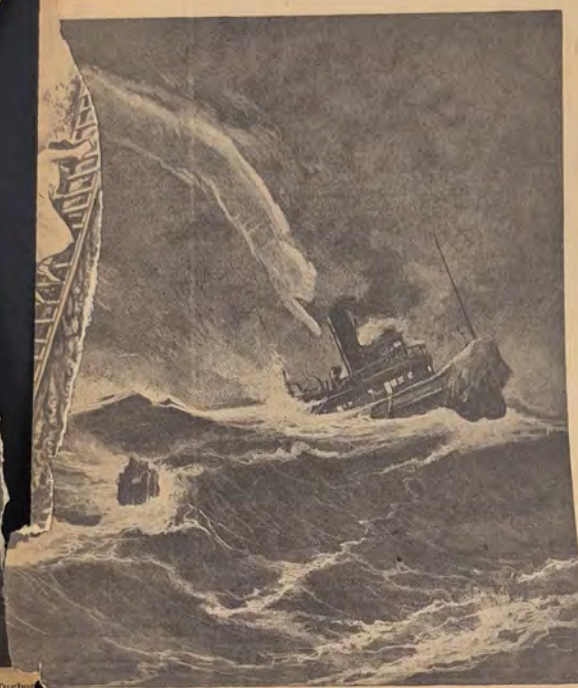


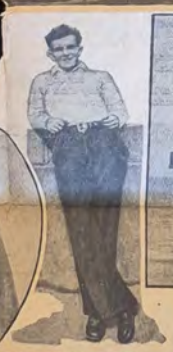
Captain Thomas J. Steinhise, the Keeper of the Light, Who Risked His Life to Save the Crew of the Wrecked Tugboat, "Point Breeze."

It Was the Spirit of the Drowned Engineer of the Wrecked Tugboat "Point Breeze" That Waked the Light-Keeper's Assistant, Young Earl Steinhise Believes.



A Group of the Crew of the Tugboat "Point Breeze," Who Were Rescued After Their Vessel Struck on the Seven-Foot-Knoll Shoals.





Earl Steinhise, Assistant Light-Keeper and Son of Captain Steinhise, the Head Keeper.



Photograph of Seven-Foot-Knoll Lighthouse.

THE cold, clammy hand of the ghost of a drowned man waked the sleeping son of the keeper of the lighthouse of Seven-Foot-Knoll in the midst of the storm, Earl Steinhise, the assistant keeper, believes. And then, following what the young man feels sure was a ghostly warning, a heroic rescue of five sailors was made.

Seven-Foot-Knoll Light is a small beacon six miles from shore, and it was on that stormy night in August, two years ago, that Captain Thomas J. Steinhise, the keeper of the light, established a new record for heroism in the lighthouse service. The elder Steinhise, manning a twenty-one-foot open boat in a mountainous sea, succeeded in rescuing from the raging waters five sailors from a foundered tug, and the body of the drowned chief engineer.

And it was for this feat of heroism that Captain Steinhise was awarded a Government medal for unusual bravery, and received a citation from his chief, the Secretary of Commerce, the other day.

The job of tending the light at Seven-Foot Knoll is not the most enviable in the world. True, there is lots of quiet, for the lighthouse is planted in the Chesapeake Bay, six miles from the western shore and about thirty miles from Baltimore. There are no noisy neighbors with squawking radios, nor ear-splitting traffic.

There is nothing to see but water—plenty of it. But for a person cursed with a too-vivid imagination, or one of neurasthenic tendencies, tending the light at this dangerous shoal would be in the nature of a nightmare, particularly when the waters of the bay kicked up during a severe blow, which it frequently does.

Captain Steinhise, however, is not afflicted with a supersensitive nervous system. He is a sturdy specimen of a sea-dog—built like a square-rigged ship, carrying 200 pounds of bone and brawn. His face is tanned to the color of fine russet leather; around his eyes are networks of tiny sun wrinkles, the heritage of all men who spend most of their lives outdoors. And when one meets his level gaze, one instinctively feels that here indeed is a man to whom fear is absolutely foreign.

Captain Steinhise, but for the exception of a brief half-dozen years when he plied the trade of blacksmith in a Southern Maryland community, has been a deep-water man all his life. A native of the Eastern Sho' of Maryland, he could box the compass before he could write his own name. For years he sailed with the fishing fleet before he accepted the post of keeper of Seven-Foot-Knoll Light, in 1919. He is fifty-seven years old, and expects to "tend light" until the Government retires him at the age of sixty-five. Then he will retire to his three-story brick-row house in Baltimore with his six sons and four daughters.

Seven-Foot-Knoll Lighthouse is built upon nine stout steel poles. The floor of the beacon is about ten feet from the surface of the water at high tide. The light itself is a common oil lamp, similar to those in use in households a half century ago. Surrounding the oil lamp is a glass cylinder, about six inches thick, which magnifies the beam. A reflector projects the beam in all directions, and the light is visible to ships traversing the channel for a distance of eighteen miles, warning mariners of the treacherous shoals.

Inhabitants of the Atlantic coast, from Cape Cod to Cape Hatteras, will not forget in a hurry those three thrilling days in August, 1933, when the ninety-mile-an-hour hurricane swept the seaboard, causing millions of dollars' loss in property and lives. The storm began late Sunday night, August 20. By Monday night the wind had increased to a velocity of fifty miles an hour, and the tide was rising rapidly.

Captain Steinhise and his son trimmed the light for the night and prepared to weather the storm, which hourly grew more intense. About 11 o'clock the captain knocked the ashes from his pipe and rumbled:

"Better get some sleep, son. I'll keep watch."

Earl, accordingly, went to his bunk, and soon fell asleep, oblivious to the devilish shriek of the hurricane and the thunderous pounding of the sea on the pilings.

"I don't know how long I had been asleep," Earl related, "but I awoke with a start. It seemed that someone—or some THING—had laid a cold, clammy hand on my bare arm, which lay outside the covers. I can never tell you how startled I was. Imagine how surprised you would be if someone laid a dead fish on your arm when you were sound asleep. Then you would know how I felt.

"I didn't see anything—it was pitch dark. But I could feel there was something wrong—something uncanny—ghostly! Outside, the hurricane, which had grown in force since I went to sleep, was a howling gale. The lighthouse shivered and shook as the big combers crashed against the pilings. It was terrifying, I can tell you!"

Earl sat up in his bunk and listened. Was that a whistle feebly sounding above the howling wind? He strained his ears—every nerve taut, every muscle tense. Again that faint, hoarse blast—one, two, three, four distant shrieks in rapid succession.

"A distress signal!" shouted the young man, leaping for his oilskins and sou'wester. Opening the door which led to the tiny deck which runs around the lighthouse, Earl beheld a shadowy form clinging to the rail, peering into the blackness.

"What's up?" asked Earl breathlessly, as he recognized his father.

"There's a steamer of some kind in distress out there," Captain Steinhise roared above the wind. "She's tootin' her whistle—giving the distress signal—four sharp blasts. Hear 'em?"

"What are you going to do about it?" the son asked. The older man turned sharply and faced the youth.

"Do?" he shouted. "Why, I'm going out there and get those poor devils out of the mess they're in."

"But," expostulated the young man, "you'll never make it in this sea. That dinky boat we've got won't weather a blow like this. You'll never make it."

Captain Steinhise, without another word turned and lowered himself through the trapdoor in the floor of the lighthouse into the frail motor dory.

"I'll go with you, Pop?" shouted the youth. "You can't make it alone."

"No, son, you gotta stay here with the light. That's an order. I'm captain here."

According to the young man, the waves were about fifteen feet high at this time, and the tide was running like a millrace. The little boat bobbed crazily like a cork, threatening to dash itself to splinters against the pilings and carry the doughty captain to his death. Earl clung to the iron ladder which descended from the floor of the lighthouse and held a flashlight torch while his father was trying to get the boat under control.

The launch, which is used by the lighthouse crew for conveyance to and from the shore to their post, is equipped with a one-cylinder marine engine. Captain Steinhise tried again and again to start the engine, but his efforts were fruitless. A giant wave splashed its spray into the open boat, putting the engine out of commission.

"Pop, turn back! You can't make it!" shouted the youth, fearing for his father's safety.

Suddenly the boat shot from the young man's view, carried outward by the wind and tide—fortunately in the direction of the crippled vessel. As Captain Steinhise tells it, he never was closer to death in all the years he had followed the sea than he was at that moment.

With his engine "dead," the tide was swiftly carrying his frail craft out into the terrifying darkness. A single long oar was the only means he had for controlling the boat, a very difficult task in such a sea.

All around him, in the Stygian blackness, he could hear the agonized voices of the helpless sailors, struggling for life in the frothing water, and the heroic captain strained every muscle desperately to control his little craft sufficiently to reach the drowning men.

Looming up in the dark his eyes, stinging with salt spray, soon made out the distressed craft. It was the tug, Point Breeze, out of Baltimore that afternoon on a voyage to Gibson's Island to tow back a scow filled with mud from a dredging operation. Buffeted by the hurricane, the tug had foundered on the dangerous Seven-Foot-Knoll shoals, about 100 yards from the lighthouse, and in thirteen feet of water. It was listing badly to port.

As Captain Steinhise's boat was swept toward the damaged vessel, only the superstructure was visible. Clinging to the pilot house he could dimly discern several figures, clutching to the iron stanchions for their lives.

Realizing the tug and its occupants were in no immediate danger, Steinhise devoted his efforts to picking up the men he had seen struggling in the water and whose heart-rending appeals for aid he had heard. One by one, guided only by the shouts of the sailors, he maneuvered his boat until he had picked up four men. Deciding to make another attempt to start the engine, he "turned it over" and—glory be!—there was a faint sput-sput! Another try, and the motor started.

Putting about for the lighthouse, he was about to attempt the dangerous return trip with the four rescued men when alongside the boat appeared the dead white face of a corpse, supported by a nearly exhausted swimmer.

The dead man was Percy Harrison, chief engineer of the ill-fated Point Breeze. He and five other members of the crew of fourteen sailors had leaped from the tug when she struck the shoal. They were afraid the vessel would sink completely and they would be sucked down to certain death.

J. Frank Stevens, a deckhand, after swimming about for some minutes, came upon the body of Harrison. Hoping there was a spark of life left, Stevens towed the body to the lighthouse tender's already overloaded boat.

Steinhise's fight to reach the lighthouse was even more heart-breaking than his efforts to pick up the drowning men, despite the fact that his engine had started. The tide and wind were both against him. And so it was nearly an hour before the little craft, greatly overloaded with its human cargo, at last reached the lighthouse and safety.

The rescued sailors were exhausted. They lay panting on the narrow deck, while Earl Steinhise dug up blankets and poured hot coffee down their throats. Captain Steinhise refused to rest.

"I've got to get those men off that tug," he said, with determination. However, just as he was about to try to reach the foundered vessel once more, the tug Sarah hove in sight and took off the remaining eight sailors, steaming up the channel to Baltimore. Later the Sarah returned and carried the men Captain Steinhise had rescued to the Maryland port.

It was more than two years later that Captain Steinhise was ordered to appear at the Baltimore headquarters of the United States Lighthouse Service.

When Captain Steinhise entered the Federal building, he was more puzzled than ever. Motion picture machines were grinding; photographers' flashlights were popping and a crowd of Commerce Department "big wigs" greeted him with wide smiles and outstretched hands.

"I don't understand all this," mumbled the old sea-dog. "What's it mean?"

"No trouble at all—it means that you're elected to receive the Commerce Department silver medal for exceptional heroism on the night of August 21, 1933," replied Mr. H. Almy, lighthouse engineer, at the Customs House.

Of course, Captain Steinhise was thrilled to receive the medal, and much pleased as he read the following citation, signed by Hon. Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce:

"Dear Mr. Steinhise:

"I have been very much impressed in reading a report relative to your action at 12:30 o'clock on the morning of August 21, 1933, in rescuing five men from the water when they went down with the tugboat, Point Breeze, in the vicinity of your station. I note that conditions were extremely hazardous and that when you set out in your launch to go to the men the seas were breaking over your boat and that the men were calling to you from all directions.

"It gives me sincere pleasure to commend you in the warmest terms for your heroic action under these hazardous conditions, and to have the matter made a part of your official history.

"Sincerely yours,

"Daniel C. Roper,

"Secretary of Commerce."

Young Earl Steinhise, of course, is proud of his father's exploit, but he cannot altogether agree with "Pop" that his sudden awakening that fateful night was not due to some psychic manifestation which he cannot explain.

"I felt that ghostly hand just as plain as could be," says Earl, with evident sincerity, "and I just knew something was the matter. I don't believe in spirits; but sometimes I wonder if it wasn't the ghost of that dead chief engineer who wanted to warn me that his pals were drowning nearby. Maybe the spook figured father never could make it alone in that launch and so it waked me up to go along too. It may be something to laugh off, but I can't quite do that."

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A Patron Entering the Tree-Top Hotel, Glad to Pay $50 for the Thrill of Surveying the Primitive Region, Observing Wild Life, and Yet Remaining Perfectly Safe.



View of the Jungle Hotel in the Heart of Wild Africa. It Has Two Double Bed-Sitting Rooms, a Bathroom and Electric Lights.

ABOUT half-way down the west coast of Africa in Kenya Colony is one of the smallest, strangest and most expensive hotels in the world. It is deep in the jungle, perched in the top of a tree and a room—with bath adjoining—costs the traveler $50 a day.

It might seem that this steep tariff for sleeping in a shack far removed from the nearest civilized town should be cause for official action, that the British governor of Kenya Colony should find out who owns the place and how he dares ask such a rate for a small room that has to be reached by climbing a rough wooden ladder.

But the governor already knows all about the jungle hotel. In fact, he has recommended it to many people, and every one of them has come away satisfied that he has received more than his money's worth. The establishment has one attraction that goes big with people with steady nerves and a flair for the unusual—the wild beasts that wander about its front yard. The management does not guarantee lions, elephants, pythons and other denizens of the jungle, but no one who has spent a day at the hotel has been disappointed. The brutes invariably cooperate with the management, it seems, to see that the guest is satisfied. A rough roadway has been hacked through the rank jungle growth to within about a mile of the old hostelry. The guest is bundled into a motor car and is accompanied by a small safari of native bearers and an armed guard to assure safe arrival and return. All this is included in the $50-a-day charge.

Arrived at the hotel the guest, or guests, climb up the ladder shown in the photograph above, and the precarious stairway is pulled up behind them. High up among the branches of a big tree they find a surprisingly comfortable layout—two double rooms that are combination bed and sitting rooms, a bath of a sort and, of all things, electric light, generated by a small portable power plant. Narrow porches, running around the structure, afford an excellent view of the jungle over a wide radius.

A short distance from the hotel is a salt lick where wild animals of many kinds come to satisfy their natural craving for this element. With the aid of powerful binoculars it is possible for guests at the tree-top inn to watch the whole thrilling and primitive show.

Because no shooting is permitted from the arboreal inn, the beasts of the jungle sometimes venture right into its "front yard" to stare curiously at the intruders.

Now and again a stealthy jungle cat will pounce upon a gazelle or a zebra in plain sight of the occupants of the African road house, or a trumpeting herd of elephants will send the salt-eating animals scurrying for cover.

After the jungle darkness falls, with the suddenness of a gigantic curtain being dropped from the sky, there are no more sights to be seen. But the show goes on "with sound," as the movie men say. Only a person who has spent a night in the jungle can imagine the effect of these sounds on the ear and the imagination. The darkness seems to pulsate with a strange life of its own and some of the noises that come out of it make the listener's heart beat faster.

Most of the time the jungle hotel is full and there's a waiting list for its expensive accommodations.

Protection for the Deaf Kitty

LONDON.

MOTORISTS driving through one of the suburbs of the British capital occasionally slow down, or stop, when they see, crossing the road, a snow-white cat with a blanket fastened to its back. As the photograph below shows, this is no ordinary blanket intended to keep the tabby warm. On each side of the blanket is the word "DEAF" in large and easily-read letters. It would be a careless and cold-blooded driver, indeed, who would run down this pet.

The cat belongs to a woman who, some years ago, had a valuable cat killed before her eyes. The cat had chased a falling leaf into the street and was crushed by the wheels of a truck. In this case the driver of the machine was not charged with negligence and disregard for life and limb, and the owner of the cat frankly admitted that her pet was entirely to blame.

About a year ago the same woman came into possession of a white cat which, like many members of its particular breed, is deaf. Several times the cat, denied the protection of hearing, was nearly killed by traffic and by dogs. So its owner conceived the idea of making a light-weight blanket for the animal which will inform the world that it is afflicted with deafness.

Of course the sign doesn't mean a thing to the dogs of the neighborhood and the cat sometimes has to get a flying start and travel fast for the nearest tree to save itself from a bad shaking up, or worse.

This picture, which was published in many British newspapers and magazines, inspired a lot of those letters to the editor. Some people, with no affection for domesticated felines, thought the idea was silly and were frank to say that people who own deaf cats should keep them in the house where no harm can befall them. Others, with warm spots in their hearts for tabbies and other pets, commended the London woman for her imagination and humaneness and thought that it would be a good idea to mark all deaf and blind cats and dogs in this manner to make life safer and pleasanter for them.



WIDE WORLD PHOTO

The White Cat, of a Species in Which Deafness Is Common, Wearing Its Sign as a Warning to London Motorists to Be Careful and Not Run Down the Animal.



WIDE WORLD PHOTO

The Devil Tattoo Which Sutherland MacDonald Worked on the Back of a Planter, Whose Life Was Saved by It When He Was Captured by a Savage Tribe.

Tattoo Monarch's Masterpiece

THE brawny arms of hundreds of British tars and tommies indelibly attest to the skill and imagination of 74-year-old Sutherland MacDonald, England's master at the art of tattooing, who still decorates the epidermis of patrons in his little shop on Jermyn Street, London.

In his time Mr. MacDonald has tattooed kings, princes and rajahs, but his masterpiece—shown in the photograph above—was pricked on the back of a South African planter by the name of Watson. This was, as the artist humorously put it, "a devil of a job that required a fortnight of exacting work." But the time and effort were well worthwhile, because, on one occasion, the demon saved Watson from being put to death by torture by warriors of the Matabele tribe.

Whether the planter had the devil put on his back against some such emergency is not a matter of record, but it is known that the superstitious savages were greatly impressed by the picture, and believed their captive, when he warned them that if any harm befell him at their hands the demon would fly off his back and make all kinds of trouble for them.

More than one tattooing expert has expressed the opinion that the winged and horned portrait is the finest bit of tattooing ever done by anyone anywhere. Every feather in the wings is done with infinite pains, and the serpentine texture of the tail could not be finer if it were done on some much smoother material than human skin.

Had Watson chosen he could have earned a handsome living by traveling about the world exhibiting the handiwork of Mr. MacDonald. But he was not at all interested in making a public spectacle of himself.

The figure was done in half a dozen colors, with red and blue predominating. It was so cleverly etched that the satanic character seemed to stand out like a colored bas-relief. When Watson moved the muscles of his back the effect was startling, for then the devil appeared to come to life.

Mr. MacDonald still does remarkable work, but he admits that he never will be able to surpass the Watson picture.

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The Champ Sweet Potato?

IT may be that Mother Nature has, at times, produced sweet potatoes bigger than the one shown in the photograph below. If so, there seem to be no official records to prove that this vegetable, dug from the fertile soil of California's San Gabriel Valley, is not the champ.

The farmer who uprooted this potato from his garden could hardly believe his eyes when he unearthed the giant. He had been attending agricultural fairs for years and had raised some big potatoes himself, but never had he seen the likes of this member of the vegetable family. Known to botanists as "Ingomma batatas." Carrying the monster in both hands, he hurried back to his farm and put it on the scales. The potato weighed even more than he thought it would. 14 pounds and 3 ounces. It measured almost a foot in diameter. In circumference it was more than three feet.

The sweet potato, like the so-called and misnamed Irish potato—which probably had its origin in South America—is a tuberous root and an important crop in the Southern United States and in the countries of Central and South America. It is, as its name implies, rich in sugar and in starch. Usually the root is rather long and lumpy and it isn't often that the potatoes grow as nearly round as the one below.

The farmer who had the good fortune to grow this grand-daddy of sweet potatoes was anxious to find out whether anyone ever had even seen or heard of a bigger one. He talked with other farmers and made inquiries at agricultural deserts of agriculture and agricultural colleges. He was told of potatoes of great bulk and weight that reached 10 pounds, but nowhere did he come across a record of a potato that surpassed the one dug from his own acres.

The finest spud freak of nature or not, San Gabriel Valley, as residence of that section's exceptional fertility.



WIDE WORLD PHOTO

Miss Gwen Steel Displaying the Huge Sweet Potato Grown in California. It Weighs 14 Pounds, Three Ounces, and Is 11 Inches Wide.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

I hereby acknowledge receipt of a silver life saving medal awarded me by the Treasury Department in recognition of my service in rescuing several men from drowning on August 21, 1933, in the vicinity of my light station.

(Signed) Thomas J. Steinhise
Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station
January 3, 1936.

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am pleased to transmit a receipt from Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland, for a silver life saving medal awarded him by your department in recognition of his action in rescuing several men from drowning on August 21, 1935, which was transmitted to this department by your letter of December 10, 1935.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL C. ROPER

Secretary of Commerce.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to Supt.

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have to acknowledge with appreciation your letter of December 10, transmitting a silver life saving medal awarded by your department to Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland, in recognition of his action in rescuing several men from drowning on August 21, 1933. I am arranging to have the medal delivered to Mr. Steinhise, together with your letter addressed to him in the matter, and will duly forward to your office the receipt for the medal.

The recognition by your department of this act of heroism on the part of this employee of the Lighthouse Service is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL C. ROPER

Secretary of Commerce

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C. 3mnl

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

December 24, 1935

From Mr. Kerlin

To Mr. King

Letter from Treasury Department
(encl. life saving medal for
Thomas J. Steinhise, Seven Foot Knoll
Light Station, Md.
Dated

Dec. 10, 1935

For
attention

Washington Star
Jan. 5, '36

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Light Keeper, Who Saved 14, Given Congress Heroism Medal

Stormy Night Off Sevenfoot Knoll in 1933 Recalled by Ceremony at Baltimore for Thomas J. Steinhise.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

BALTIMORE, Md., January 4.—Memories of a night during the height of the August storm of 1933, which laid waste long stretches of the Atlantic Coast, were recalled with the presentation to Thomas J. Steinhise, 57-year-old keeper of the lighthouse at Seven-Foot Knoll, of the Congressional Medal for heroism.

That night Mr. Steinhise launched a 21-foot power boat and made his way through mountainous seas to a foundered tugboat to haul six members of the crew out of the water and to take off the other eight from the boat's superstructure.

Answers Distress Call.

"I was up looking at the light," Mr. Steinhise said today in telling of the rescue, "when I saw a light out on the water. I listened and heard a distress signal—four horn blasts in a row.

"My son Earl was substituting for my assistant and he was asleep below. I roused him and had him help me get the launch into the water."

In spite of his son's forecast that he wouldn't get halfway to the sunken tug, the Point Breeze, they lowered the boat and the waves broke over the top of it, putting out the fire in the small stove in the boat's cabin.

Leaving his son behind to watch the light, he headed out into the darkness, and finally spotted it—the vessel.

"Voices seemed to come from all around," he said. "I picked up one man out of the water, and then five more. One of them later died from exposure.

Tug Reached in Time.

"Then I got to the tug and took off the rest of the crew and went back to the light."

The story was told as simply as that, but it lost no glory in the telling of it by the rescued men, and their accounts resulted in the Congressional Medal. It was presented to Mr. Steinhise by Capt. H. Almy, lighthouse engineer, at the customs house yesterday and was accompanied by a letter of citation from Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce.

Mr. Steinhise is still employed in the lighthouse service and has just rounded out his sixteenth year at the Seven-Foot Knoll light.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

December 10, 1935.

Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise,

Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland,

U. S. Lighthouse Service, Department of Commerce.

Sir:

There is transmitted to you today, under separate cover, a silver life saving medal awarded to you by this Department under Acts of Congress in recognition of signal exertions made by you in rescuing several men from drowning on August 21, 1933.

It affords the Department great pleasure to have this opportunity of commending the service rendered by you on the occasion mentioned.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Stephen B. Gibbons
Assistant Secretary.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WASHINGTON December 10, 1935.

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CHIEF CLERK

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce.

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Sir:

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

I have the honor to transmit herewith, by messenger, a silver life saving medal awarded by this Department to Keeper Thomas Steinhise, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland, U. S. Lighthouse Service, Department of Commerce, in recognition of his service in rescuing several men from drowning on August 21, 1933. There is also transmitted herewith a letter addressed to him by this Department.

I will thank you to cause the medal and letter to be delivered to Keeper Steinhise and transmit his receipt for the medal to this Department.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Stephen B. Gibbons
Assistant Secretary.

RG-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
December 24, 1935.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Norfolk, Va., for information. The Bureau has turned over the medal to Associate Engineer R. L. Hankinson for delivery to Keeper Steinhise in connection with other duties Mr. Hankinson is engaged upon in the vicinity of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

LIGHTHOUSES

1934 JUL -19- PM 2:43

July 12, 1934.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have to inclose herewith a letter dated August 22, 1933, and a supplemental letter dated June 5, 1934, from the office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Maryland, regarding the assistance rendered by Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland, at 12:30 A. M. on August 21, 1933, when the tug boat POINT BREEZE went down with fourteen men in the immediate vicinity of the lighthouse. There is also inclosed the following supporting papers:

Copy of a letter dated August 21 from Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise.
Letter dated September 1, 1933, from C. H. Spedden, owner of the tug POINT BREEZE.
Joint affidavit of James F. Stevens, Henry F. Kraske, and Archie C. Marshall, and also affidavit of Theodore J. Malinowski.
Affidavit of Ralph A. Kirchner, Master of the tug POINT BREEZE, certifying to the credibility of the affiants.
Copy of Department commendation to Mr. Steinhise.

This matter is submitted in accordance with Treasury Department circular No. 46 of the year 1900 with recommendation that Mr. Steinhise be given such recognition for heroic action as may be deemed appropriate under the terms of the law.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN D. OLINSON

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Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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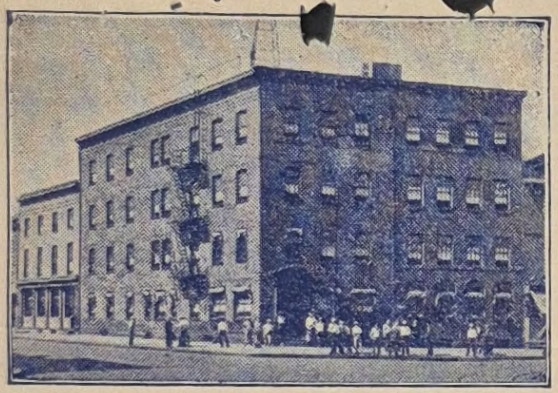
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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 20 1933
BALTIMORE, MD.

Sept 15th 1933

Dear Sir

I would like to express my admiration and appreciation through your office to the keeper mr Steinhise of the seven foot Knoll in rescuing me at midnight on August 20th it took both courage and seamanship on his part to accomplish such a feat

I remain
your Respectfully
Joseph R Blades

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

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June 5, 1934.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Application for Award of Life-Saving Medal - Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Md.

1. Pursuant to previous correspondence, with particular reference to Bureau letter of May 3rd, this office has succeeded in obtaining affidavit from the Master of the Tugboat "Point Breeze" certifying to the credibility of the persons rescued by Keeper T.J. Steinhise. It is believed that this affidavit, together with those previously obtained and herewith attached, will constitute sufficient basis for application for gold life-saving medal for Keeper Steinhise.

L. M. HOPKINS
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

May 3, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

In reference to your indorsement of April 28, on Bureau reminder of April 14 in regard to your endeavor to obtain affidavits in connection with the awarding of a life saving medal to Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise:

The Bureau will not follow up this case further unless brought up by others and will leave the matter of further action to your discretion.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

Subject: furnishing affidavits in connection with awarding of life saving medal to Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper

Bureau (indorsement) dated November 14, 1933

Your (letter) dated November 7, 1933 and indorsement on Bureau reminder dated February 19, 1934.

No report has been received from your office on the above subject. Submit report or advise when same may be expected.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant
~~Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses~~

AHL. Office of Superintendent, Fifth District,
Baltimore, Maryland. April 28, 1934.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with the statement that we have made numerous efforts to have the proper official make the necessary affidavit. A representative of this office has made several personal visits to the office of the Curtis Bay Towing Company for that purpose and received assurances that the matter would be given prompt attention, which, to date, have not materialized. While the official is apparently interested in having Keeper Steinhise's act given full recognition, he evidently is not sufficiently interested to take the proper steps to complete the matter.

2. This office will make further effort to have the matter consummated at an early date.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

T. L. Johnson
Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

To be prepared in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses whether letter, indorsement, etc.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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BALTIMORE, MD.

February 9, 1934

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Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

Subject: furnishing affidavits in connection with awarding of life saving medal to Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper

Bureau (indorsement) dated November 14, 1933

Your (letter) dated November 7, 1933

No report has been received from your office on the above subject. Submit report or advise when same may be expected.

For the Commissioner:

C. J. Ludwig, Jr.
Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses.

AHL.

Office of Superintendent, Fifth District,
Baltimore, Maryland. February 19, 1934.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with the statement that this office has made repeated efforts to have the proper official make affidavit as to the credibility of the men rescued by our Keeper T.J. Stenhise. As soon as this is accomplished, all papers will be submitted to the Bureau.

L. M. Hopkins
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

To be prepared in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses whether letter, indorsement, etc.

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SUBJECT: 5th's letter Nov.7,1933, commendation and award of life saving medal to Thomas J. Steinhise

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RG-EK Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C., November 14,1933

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., with request that the last paragraph of Treasury Department circular of instructions in this matter to the effect that the affidavits should "be accompanied by a certificate showing the affiants to be credible persons, certified by some United States officer of the district in which the affiants reside", &c., becomplied with. All your inclosures are returned in case you need them in this connection.

For the Commissioner:

Administrative Assistant

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

November 7, 1933.

11/14/33 2nd to 5th

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Commendation.

1. With further reference to Bureau endorsement of August 29th on our letter of August 22nd, relative to our recommendation that Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, be awarded a life saving medal for his services in rescuing and succoring six drowning persons, for which he was commended by the Secretary of Commerce on August 29th, this office submits the following evidence:

Letter of September 1, 1933, from C. H. Spedden, President of the Curtis Bay Towing Company, owner of the Tug "POINT BREEZE"; Joint affidavit of James F. Stevens, Henry F. Kraske and Archie C. Marshall and affidavit of Theodore J. Malinowski, four of the five men rescued;
Letter from Joseph R. Blades, dated September 15, 1933, the fifth man rescued. It appears that Mr. Blades refused to make affidavit under a misapprehension of its import, having considered that his personal letter was sufficient.

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The instructions of the Lord R
of Treas. appear to require a "certificate" and not followed, but it appears that Spedden's letter might be considered to cover that, being a letter to Treas. Dept. from Dept. Secretary in pursuing case R/11/3

L. M. HOPKINS
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

August 29, 1933.

Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Lightstation, Md.,
(Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses)

Dear Mr. Steinhise:

I have been very much impressed in reading a report relative to your action at 12:30 o'clock on the morning of August 21st in rescuing five men from the water when they went down with the tug boat, Point Breeze, in the vicinity of your station. I note that conditions were extremely hazardous and that when you set out in your launch to go to the men the seas were breaking over your boat and that the men were calling to you from all directions.

It gives me sincere pleasure to commend you in the warmest terms for your heroic action under these hazardous conditions, and to have the matter made a part of your official history.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL C. ROPER
Secretary of Commerce.

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Copy to Appointment Division.
Copy to Mr. Smith.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

Commended
8/29/33
by Secretary.

August 22, 1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Commendation.

1. There is enclosed report from Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, Md., giving an account of assistance rendered on August 21, 1933, at 12:30 A.M., when the Tug Boat "POINT BREEZE" went down with fourteen men in the vicinity of the Light Station.

2. In accordance with Art. 462, Regulations for the Lighthouse Service, it is recommended that Thomas J. Steinhise be commended by the Secretary of Commerce as an especially meritorious case of services performed under hazardous conditions.

3. It is further recommended that in accordance with Art. 463, Regulations of this Service, Thomas J. Steinhise be awarded a life saving medal for his signal services in rescuing and succoring six drowning persons.

L. M. HOPKINS

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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RG:MMS

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., August 29, 1933

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md. together with a copy of Treasury Department Circular No. 46 and with request that your office obtain the necessary evidence required as described in the last two paragraphs of the circular. The Bureau has prepared a letter of commendation for the signature of the Secretary and a copy will be duly furnished your office.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

August 23, 1933.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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THE EVENING SUN, BALTIM

Drowning Of Seaman Is Called Accidental

Coroner Decides After Hearing Testimony Regarding Sinking Of Tug In Storm

After hearing testimony in the case of Percy Harrison, chief engineer on the tugboat Point Breeze, which sank early Monday off Seven-Foot Knoll, a coroner's jury at the Eastern Police Station last night found Mr. Harrison's death to have been an unavoidable accident. The engineer drowned after he and most of the other members of the crew jumped overboard.

Five members of the crew and Harrison's body were picked up by a lighthouse keeper in a tender. Officers on the tug and other members of the crew were rescued by another tug.

Capt. Ralph Kirchner, master of the Point Breeze, testified that the boat began to list shortly after it passed Sparrows Point and that the list increased until the tug sank. Members of the crew said a sea of between five and six feet was running.

The Sun, Baltimore
8/22/33
*Seven-Foot Knoll

yesterday by the Coast Guard cutter 209. They described the suddenness with which their tug went to the bottom, so quickly that they barely had time to grab anything that would keep them afloat.

Engine Balks

And they told of the fight which their volunteer life-saver, Thomas J. Stinheise, made against the high seas which washed the lighthouse, and against a balky engine which made his motor tender a toy of the wind and the water.

The tug went down about 500 yards from the lighthouse, they said. Stinheise saw their plight and boarded his motor tender, swung on davits from the light. He lowered the tender, the small craft swinging dangerously as the seas struck it. When she floated he discovered that the engine wouldn't run.

Swept Away From Light

A wave struck the craft and swept her away from the light, fortunately in the direction of the men who were clinging to rafts, life rings and belts in the water. With the wind and the rudder, Stinheise managed to maneuver his boat over to the drifting crew. He pulled them aboard.

With their assistance, he managed to fix the engine tender and ran back to the light. They were stowed away in the lighthouse to await the arrival of assistance.

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The story of the one-man rescue was told today by the five men who were taken from the Seven Foot Knoll light yesterday by the Coast Guard Cutter 209. They described the suddenness with which their tug went to the bottom, so quickly that they barely had time to grab anything that would keep them afloat.

Engine Balks

And they told of the fight which their volunteer life-saver, Thomas J. Stinheise, made against the high seas which washed the lighthouse, and against a balky engine which made his motor tender a toy of the wind and the water.

The tug went down about 500 yards from the lighthouse, they said. Stinheise saw their plight and boarded his motor tender, swung on davits from the light. He lowered the tender, the small craft swinging dangerously as the seas struck it. When she floated he discovered that the engine wouldn't run.

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Obtains Lighthouse For Bowley's Bar

Representative Cole's Efforts Follow Plaints Of Small Boat Owners On Middle River

[From a Staff Correspondent]

Washington, Aug. 22—Through the efforts of Representative William P. Cole, the Commissioner of Lighthouses today agreed to install a light at Bowley's Bar at the entrance to Middle River, near Baltimore.

Complaints have been made to Mr. Cole by owners of small vessels that owing to the absence of a light at this bar it was difficult for small boats to enter Middle River with safety.

The Commissioner assured Mr. Cole the light would be installed immediately and would be known as Bowley's Bar light.

*** C O P Y ****

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

FIFTH DISTRICT

1933 AUG 23 AM 8:53

Seven-Foot Knoll
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 21st., 1933

To the Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir:

About 12.30 a.m. this morning, the Tug Boat Point Breeze went down near this Light Station with Fourteen People on board. I went out to save what I could. The men was scattered in all directions, and it was difficulty who to save first as most of them was calling me to come to them. At first I had trouble with engine as it was rough and sea breaking over boat. One man was dead when I pull him in the boat. I work on him but to no avail as others was calling for help then. Another tug came and I had six, including the dead man, and taken them to the Lighthouse as some of them was weak from being in the water and then the wind was blowing on them they were chilled.

This is all true to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully,

/SGD./ THOMAS J. STEINHISE,

Keeper

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Copy - Bd

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 5th DISTRICT.

November 26, 1930 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about December 15, 1930.

Name, Thomas J. Steinhise Position, Keeper

From Upper Cedar Point Light Station To Seven Foot Knoll Light Station

Salary and range, Salary and range, pay $1560 (1560-1920)

Previous incumbent and pay, Otho Bounds - (LT. #1241)

Services terminated, December 14, 1930 Reason, Transferred to Love Pt. HH

(Sgd.) L M. Hopkins

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

December 26, , 1930

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with December 16, 1930.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

T. S. JOHNSON

Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1931

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FIFTH DISTRICT

LIGHTHOUSES
1930 MAY 16 AM 9:34

Upper Cedar Point
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 27, 1930

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Subject: Assistance to Mariner.

April 12, around 8:30 P.M. a Launch went aground on a Bar near this station with woman and children on board. The Captain admitting his Incompetent as it was his first trip out as Captain, lost his way. His wife, as I was told, was very nervous and for a while was hysterical, but was content after I got to them. I had plenty of difficulty before getting them off the stone pile as there is lots of stone on that Bar. The name of the Boat was Verdoma of D.C. and Captains name was Mommie, the name and number of the Boat I lost overboard and I only remember his first name.

Hoping this is satisfactory, I beg to remain

Respectfully,

/sgd./ T. J. STEINHISE,
Keeper

Upper Cedar Point Light Station.

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1930 MAY 16 AM 9:34

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

May 15, 1930.

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T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Upper Cedar Point Light Station,
Mathias Point, Va.

List of Life Saving

Subject: Assistance rendered.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 27, 1930, advising of assistance rendered to the Captain and his family of the VERDOMA of D.C., when that vessel went aground on a bar near your station, and your action is approved.

L. M. Hopkins

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C., together with copy of letter above referred to.

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June 1, 1930

Form 84

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1928 DEC 26 AM 9 33

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. Fifth DISTRICT.

Baltimore, Md., December 21, 1928

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (letter and nominations from this office dated December 1, 1928 on the subject of Demotion and promotion of Thomas H. Barnes and Thomas J. Steinhise respectively.

H. D. King

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Incls.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
December 26, 1928.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., with notices of change in salary in the above cases inclosed.

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Commissioner

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses character of the communication, that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

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

RG EJD

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 13 1928 BALTIMORE, MD

December 12, 1928.

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Mr. G. W. McCord,
Senate Hotel,
101 D Street, NE.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

1. This office is pleased to acknowledge your letter of December 5 relative to assistance rendered you by Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper of Cobb Point Bar Light Station, on a Sunday in September when your cruiser ran aground near the light station:

2. This office is always pleased to have knowledge of instances of this character where employees of the Lighthouse Service are able to render assistance.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG EJD
Incl.

December 12, 1928.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Maryland for report and return, with recommendation ~~for the~~ to commending of this employee. The letter from Mr. G. W. McCord concerning the assistance rendered is inclosed.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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December 13, 1928

1. Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, inviting attention to letter of commendation addressed to Mr. Steinhise on November 17, 1928, covering this same incident, which appears to have been previously reported to the Bureau by Congressman A. M. Free.

H. D. King

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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SENATE HOTEL
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Commissioner

Dec. 5, 1928

Supt. Light-Houses for Maryland.
Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C.

Received to 5 lbs for free RFM

Dear Sir: One Sunday, about the middle of Sept., 1928, during a low tide I run aground with my 45-foot cruiser, the Vemo. There was quite a stiff breeze from the northeast, blowing us toward Cobb Island. Mr. Steinkist, who was employed at the Cobb Island light came out in his boat and very courteously and efficiently assisted me in getting the Vemo off. I appreciate very much the help rendered by Mr. Steinkist.

Cordially

G. W. McCord
Senate Hotel
Washington, D.C.

Thos. J. Steinkiste
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Form 73

VRH

LIGHTHOUSES 1928 DEC 3 AM 9 35

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT,

Baltimore, Md., (City) December 1, (Date) 1928

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Thomas J. Steinhise

Position, Keeper

Location, Upper Cedar Point L.H., Md.

Effective, January 1, 1929

Former position, Asst. Keeper

Location, Cobb Point Bar L.H., Md.

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

Legal residence, Maryland

Proposed salary, $1560. p.a.

Proposed range, $1560-1860

Appropriation, Sal. Kprs. of L.H.

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

Former salary, $1380. p.a.

Former range, $1380-1680

Previous incumbent, Thomas H. Barnes

Services terminated, December 31, 1928

Reason, Demoted to assistant keeper

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, September 29, 1878

Remarks:

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

H.D. King

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1928.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention in this connection is invited to the Superintendent's letter of December 1 attached to the nomination in the case of Thomas H. Barnes, submitted under today's date.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

Percentage of working time

50% —of my time is used standing watch. Details: Looking after the light, watching for storms, snow and fogs and running fog signal when required.

25% —of my time is used in - Details: Chipping iron and painting same. Washing outside woodwork and painting the same. Washing boats and painting them and keeping gas engine in order, etc.

25% —of my time is used in washing windows and storm panes, floors and steps, polishing brass, polishing stoves, going for mail and provisions, gasoline. Giving information to those who ask for it. Very often it is the case at this station. Look after Kettle Bottom Lower Gas Buoy. Help rangers from Dahlgren to land and depart from station, etc.

24. I hereby certify that the foregoing was composed by me after reading P. C. B. Form No. 15, and that it is a true statement of my duties.

Thomas J. Steinhise
(Signature of Employee)

25. TO THE PREPARING OFFICER: Write your own description of the employee's work. If in describing the work of the position you would cover the same subject matter and use the same language and expressions, indicate your concurrence in the employee's statement and utilize the rest of the space below by giving further and broader information regarding the position, such as the kind and degree of responsibility involved, the ultimate purpose of the work, its place in your organization, its working conditions, etc. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet. See instructions in Form No. 16.

The duties of this employee are to share the watches with principal keeper in care of light and fog-signal and the labor of keeping same in state of perfect cleanliness and efficiency and in cleaning, painting, and minor repairs of the entire station, which is a 2-story frame house on interbraced iron piles on a submarine foundation surmounted by a glazed lantern in which is mounted a fresnel lens for display of light, which may be either a kerosene wick lamp or incandescent oil vapor light. The fog-signal is a bell operated by clockwork machinery. Communication with shore is by motor launch. Each of two keepers is allowed 8 days ashore per month and during absence of principal keeper the assistant is in full charge of station.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Dec. 1, 1926

27. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made by me on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete.

Sept 21, 1928 (Date) — H. D. King (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Supt. of Lighthouses. (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ——. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1440 to $ 1740

Sept 21, 1928 (Date) — H. D. King (Signature of head of field office or station) — Supt. of Lighthouses. (Title)

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SEP 25 1928, 1928 (Date) — H. B. BOWERMAN (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

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PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. [redacted] FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and 25)

Bureau No. [redacted] *Sheet No.* 5161- 34

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Skelding (Surname) Thomas (Given name) J. (Initial)

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouse
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Cobb Point Bar Light Station
(b) Subdivision
(c) City or town State

6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title 1st Assistant Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation 1500-1600
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1500.
10. Deduction for allowances $ None
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1500.

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:
☐ House ☒ Room { ☐ Furnished ☒ Unfurnished } ☐ Heat ☒ Fuel ☒ Light ☐ Laundry ☐ Uniform ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind Meals per day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost
Uniform approx. $75.00

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From [redacted] m. to m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer 66 Winter 66 (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day;
number of days per { week / month / year }; (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty Subject to call at all times.

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime None (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? No (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering)
(c) How many?

18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
By Principal Keeper with whom he works side by side or watch and watch. He is instructed by example and supervised by direct personal contact with the Principal Keeper and by periodic inspections of station by District Supt. or his representative.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? E. J. Cropper, Keeper, 5161B3

21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

Elementary								High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	X 8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	(Kind)

Other education (describe):

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?

Compared & certified
By Joseph F. Stimpson

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RLC:EMC
1 incl.

November 17, 1928.

Thomas J. Steinhise, Assistant Keeper,
Cobb Point Bar Light Station, Md.,
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.)

1. The Bureau has read with interest a report of assistance rendered by you recently to the boat "Demo", which went aground near the light station with a number of passengers aboard, and is pleased to commend you for your timely assistance on this occasion, which will be noted as a part of your official record.

2. There is inclosed for your information copy of a letter of October 30, addressed to this office by Representative A. M. Free, regarding the matter.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dec 1928

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

11/17/28 a 1928 NOV 9 AM 8:56 Dept 5th November 8, 1928

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Bureau commendation.

1. It is recommended that Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, Assistant Keeper, Cobb Point Bar Light Station, Md., be commended by the Bureau for services rendered to the boat "DEMO" carrying passengers, which went aground near the light station.

2. Congressman Free's report of this rescue is returned herewith.

King

Superintendent of Lighthouses MR

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OK -
also send copy
of Rep. Free's ltr.
for the keeper

GRP:AB

November 3, 1928.

Hon. A. M. Free,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Free:

I was very glad to receive your letter of October 30, and to learn of the good assistance given to the party of which Mrs. Free was a member by one of the Lighthouse keepers at Cobb Point Bar Lighthouse.

I appreciate your courtesy in informing me of this matter as, of course, we are always pleased to know of such acts by persons in the Lighthouse Service.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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A. M. FREE
8TH DIST. CALIFORNIA

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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October 30, 1928.

Hon. George B. Putnam
Commissioner
Bureau of Light Houses
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

About two weeks ago Mr. Guy McCord, owner of the Senate Hotel, this city, took some of his friends down the Potomac River on a boat called "Demo", belonging to him. My wife was among the guests.

When the boat got near Cobb Bar Lighthouse a strong wind arose, and the vessel went aground. Several small boats in the vicinity of the "Demo" tried to help her, but their efforts were futile.

Mr. T. J. Steinhist, Assistant Lighthouse Tender, saw the situation, came to the rescue, and after very strenuous efforts, succeeded in relieving the difficulty.

I desire to call to the attention of your Bureau the fine work done by Mr. Steinhist on this occasion, the service being rendered so promptly and willingly. You are very fortunate to have in your employ a man of such caliber.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. M. Free

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Asst Supt.
Chief Clk.
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Asso. Engr. (2)
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RG EJD Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., November 5,1928.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Maryland for report as to commendation of the employee concerned.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

July 30, 1927

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Thos. J. Steinhise, effective date of transfer.

1. The Bureau is please requested to change the effective date of transfer of Thos. J. Steinhise from Ragged Point L.H., Md. to Cobb Point Bar L.H., Md. from July 12 to July 7. This change is due to the fact that Mr. Steinhise's successor entered on duty July 7 and it was necessary to enter Steinhise on duty in his new position on the same date.

H. D. King

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 2 - 1927

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

By direction of the Commissioner

Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Form 73-A, Thomas J. Steinhise

1. In compliance with telephone request of June 24, there is attached hereto Form 73-A for Thomas J. Steinhise dated June 20, 1927, the original of which was probably lost in the mails.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

H. D. King

Assistant Superintendent

and 73-A to
invite action
this on 73-A

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1 inclosure.
Thomas J. Steinhise,
cancel appointment.

August 8, 1918.

Secretary of Commerce:

The Bureau recommends that the Department cancel its order of August 1, 1918, whereby Thomas J. Steinhise would have been given a probationary appointment as keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at $480 per annum, for assignment to duty at the Tangier Sound Light Station, Va., Department letter of August 1, 1918, addressed to Steinhise being inclosed for cancelation on its face.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

This recommendation is made in pursuance of telegraphic request from the Fifth Superintendent.

Acting Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TELEGRAM

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8/8/18 Wrote Dept

9wuhx 21 govt QN, Baltimore, Md. 1133am Aug 6,1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington

Cancel nominations Thomas Steinhise assistant Keeper Tangier Sound and Thomas Williams additional keeper Whiteshoal letter follows.

King.

Done
1236pm

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Commr.

Form 73

NOMINATION

MEM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Supt. of Lighthouses
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, 5th DISTRICT.

LIGHT AUG 8 1918 HOUSES

Baltimore, Md. July 26, 1918, 191
(City.) (Date.)

AUG 8 1918 8 50 AM

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y 4th Civil Service District)

Action recommended, Probationary Appointment

Name, Thos. J. Steinhise — Legal residence, Maryland

Position, Assistant Keeper — Salary, $ 480. p.a. (base)

Location, Tangier Sound Light Station, Va. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective August 1, 1918 — {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

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Accounts.
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Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

Former position, None — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 3 — Rating, Asst. Keeper — Percentage, 89. , Other eligibles considered:
Williams, Thos. - 87.2 -C
Hagelin, Robt.M - 87.2 -C

Previous incumbent, Robert Bradshaw — Services terminated, With close of July 5, 1918

Reason, Resigned on account of War Draft

Members of family in Government Service, Brother-in-law - Chas. M. Wible - private in army
Uncle - Master at Arms

Remarks:

As this position has been open since July 5 on account of shortage of eligibles, it is desired that it be filled by August 1.

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

L H Fisher
Secretary, 4th Civil Service District.

W. D. King
Supt. of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

11—2314

ADDRESS:
SECRETARY FOURTH [illegible] SERVICE DISTRICT,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

FOURTH UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

L. H. INSPECTOR AUG. 8 1918 BALTIMORE MD.

FOURTH DISTRICT AUG 5 - 1918 Received

LIGHT AUG 8 1918 HOUSES

Aug. 2, 1918

Lighthouse Inspector,

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

On even date a messenger boy from the office of the Commission of Lighthouses brought to this office for endorsement your nomination of July 26, 1918, recommending the appointment of Thos. J. Steinhise (89) as Assistant Keeper, $480 per annum, Tangier Sound, Light Station, Va.

It appears that the nomination was submitted in irregular form, in that it was not submitted in triplicate to this office for endorsement. As the Civil Service Commission and the District Secretary have no record of this appointment, it is respectfully suggested that the nomination be submitted formally in triplicate through this office to the Department.

Very respectfully,

L. K. Fisher

District Secretary.

Inspector ✓
Supt.
Chief Clk.
1 A Supt.
2 A Supt.
3 A Supt.
Draftsman
Foreman
Mech.
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BALTIMORE, MD.

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BALTIMORE, MD.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT AUG 8 1918 HOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD

August 3, 1918.

FOURTH DISTRICT
AUG 5-1918
Received

Mr. L. H. Fisher, District Secretary,
4th Civil Service District.

Subject: Nomination Thos. J. Steinhise.

Reference: Your letter dated August 2, 1918.

Herewith enclosed triplicate copies of Form 73 in the case of Thos. J. Steinhise. This same nomination was sent to the Commissioner of Lighthouses direct, through error, during my absence from the city, and should have been sent, as is mentioned in your letter, through your office.

H. D. King

Supt. of Lighthouses.

P.S. Please let this letter, together with your letter of August 2, accompany the Mr. Steinhise' nomination, when forwarded to the Bureau, so that there will be no delay in making this appointment.

STEINHISE . THOMAS J

CHARGE OUT CARD
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
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Higgins		11-29-50							

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Form W-4 (Rev. 1944)
U. S. Treasury Department
Internal Revenue Service

EMPLOYEE'S WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

(Collection of Income Tax at Source on Wages)

Print full name THOMAS JEFFERSON STEINHISE Jr. Social Security No. None

Print home address _____

FILE THIS FORM WITH YOUR EMPLOYER. Otherwise, he is required by law to withhold tax from your wages without exemption.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR WITHHOLDING EXEMPTIONS

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IV. Add the number of exemptions which you have claimed above and write the total here 2

I certify that the number of withholding exemptions claimed on this certificate does not exceed the number to which I am entitled.

Dated November 14, 1944 (Signature) Thomas J. Steinhise

Form W-2b
U. S. Treasury Department
Internal Revenue Service

WITHHOLDING STATEMENT—1949

Wages Paid and Income Tax Withheld

COPY

EMPLOYEE TO WHOM PAID (Print name, full address, and Social Security Number)

THOMAS STEINHISE, KEEPER, RETIRED, DECEASED
1306 S. Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Total wages (before pay-roll deductions) paid in 1949	Federal income tax withheld, if any
$ 352.62	$ None

EMPLOYER BY WHOM PAID (Name, address, and Social Security Identification Number)

E. F. LOWRIE, LTJG, USCG
AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICER
U. S. COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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1 July 1948)
ury Department
Revenue Service

WITHHOLDING STATEMENT—1948

Wages Paid and Income Tax Withheld

COPY

LOYEE TO WHOM PAID (Print name, full address, and Social Security Number)

THOMAS J STEINHISE, KPR
1306 S CHARLES ST
BALTIMORE MD

Total wages (before pay-roll deductions) paid in 1948	Federal income tax withheld, if any
$ 639.75	$ -

EMPLOYER BY WHOM PAID (Name, address, and Social Security Identification Number)

M. C. REDFORD, PAY CLERK, USCG
AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICER
U S COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Internal Revenue Service

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WITHHOLDING STATEMENT—1947

Wages Paid and Income Tax Withheld

COPY

...LOYEE TO WHOM PAID (Print name, full address, and Soc. Sec. No.)

THOMAS J. STEINHISE, KPR., RET.
1306 S. CHARLES ST.
BALTIMORE, MD.

...l wages (before pay-roll de-...uctions) paid in 1947	Federal income tax withheld, if any
605.88	$ None

...MPLOYER BY WHOM PAID (Name, address, and S. S. identification No.)

...L. C. REDFORD, PAY CLERK, USCG
...UTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICER
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Form 1099
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

UNITED STATES
INFORMATION RETURN FOR
CALENDAR YEAR 1946

INSTRUCTIONS TO PAYORS

...are one of these forms for each ...in accordance with the instruc... return Form 1096. This ...is not required with re... to wage payments report... on Form W-2a.

...orward with return Form 1096 ...as to reach the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in care of Processing Division, 260 East 161st Street, New York 51, N. Y., on or before February 15, 1947.

Copy of this form as filed with the Government should be furnished to the employee whose income is reported in first column to assist him in preparing his income tax return.

To Whom Paid (Print full name and home address) (Show employee's social security number, if any. If employee is a married woman, name of husband should also be furnished)

THOMAS J STEINHISE. KPR RET
1306 S CHARLES ST
BALTIMORE MD

1946

KIND AND AMOUNT OF INCOME PAID

Salaries or Other Compensation (Do not include amount reported on Form W-2a)	Interest on Notes, Mortgages, Etc.	Rents and Royalties	Other Fixed or Determinable Income	Foreign Items ($300 or more)	Dividends ($100 or more) (Total paid, including amounts claimed nontaxable)
	($300 or more aggregate amount of above items)				
$ 605.88	$	$	$	$	$

By Whom Paid (Name and address)

R.D.FRITZ. LIEUT.. U.S.C.G.
AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICER

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RESPONSE LE...

...ame of EMPLOYEE ...STEINHISE, THOMAS J. ...DATE OF REQUEST 10-5-79 ...DATE REQUEST RECEIVED 10-11-79

REQUESTED INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS Genealogical

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Referral address:

Edward J. Weaver
944 E. North Shore Ave.
N. Fort Myers, Fl. 33917

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Form W-4 (Rev. 1944)
U. S. Treasury Department
Internal Revenue Service

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(Collection of Income Tax at Source on Wages)

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mber 14, 1944 (Signature) Thomas J. Steinhise

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WITHHOLDING RECEIPT—1945

For Income Tax Withheld on Wages

COPY

TO WHOM PAID (Print name, address, and Social Security No.)

THOMAS J STEINHISE. KPR RET
6 6 CHARLES ST
BALTIMORE MD

ges (before pay-roll de-is) paid in 1945	Federal income tax withheld
665.68	1.20

OYER BY WHOM PAID (Name, address, and S. S. identification No.)

ALLOTMENT DISBURSING OFFICER
U S COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 25 D C

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U. S. Treasury Department
Internal Revenue Service

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November 14, 1944 (Signature) Thomas J. Steinhise

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WITHHOLDING RECEIPT—1944

For Income Tax Withheld on Wages

COPY

R BY WHOM PAID (Name and address)

LOTMENT DISBURSING OFFICER
S. COAST GUARD
ASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Wages paid during the calendar year 1944	Federal Income Tax withheld
66	$ 1.20

YEE TO WHOM PAID (Print full name, address, Social Security No.)

HOMAS J STEINHISE, KPR RET
1306 S CHARLES ST
BALTIMORE MD

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(a) If you claim *both* of these exemptions, write the figure "2" here 2

(b) If you claim *one* of these exemptions, write the figure "1" here . . . . . —

(c) If you claim *neither* of these exemptions, write "0" here . . . . . —

III. If during the year you will provide more than one-half of the support of persons closely related to you, write the number of such dependents here. (See Instruction 3 on other side.) . . . . . —

Add the number of exemptions which you have claimed above and write the total here 2

...at the number of withholding exemptions claimed on this certificate does not exceed the number to which I am entitled.

Dec 14, 1944 (Signature) Thomas J. Steinhise

...orm W-2
...SURY DEPARTMENT
...AL REVENUE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF INCOME TAX WITHHELD ON WAGES

By Employer

(EMPLOYEE'S RECEIPT)

Calendar Year 1943

...CTIONS TO EMPLOYER

...re this form in duplicate for ...ployee from whom a tax has ...ithheld. Furnish original to .../ee. Forward duplicate with ...n of Income Tax Withheld on ...s, Form W-1, for the fourth ...ter of the year (or with the em...er's final return, if filed at an ...ier date). (See Circular WT.)

INSTRUCTIONS TO EMPLOYEE

This is your receipt for Income Tax (including Victory Tax) withheld. You should keep it for use in preparing your Income and Victory Tax return for 1943, and as evidence of tax withheld.

EMPLOYEE TO WHOM PAID: THOMAS J STEINHISE, KPR RET
1306 S CHARLES ST
BALTIMORE MD

(Print full name of employee, home address, and social security number, if any. If employee is a married woman, name of husband should also be furnished)

EMPLOYER BY WHOM PAID: U. S. COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON, D.C.

(Name and address of employer)

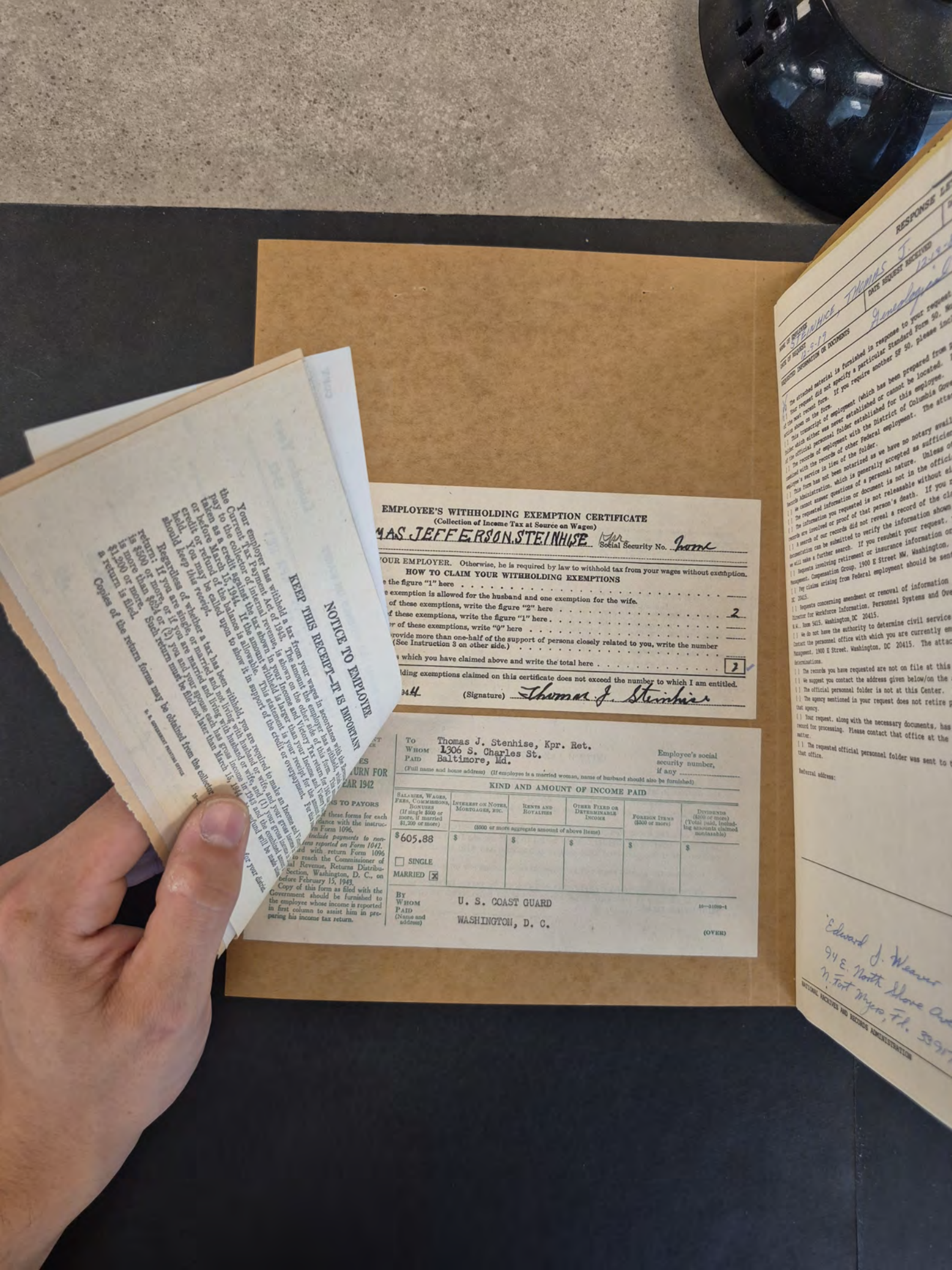
STATEMENT OF INCOME TAX WITHHELD ON WAGES

Wages paid during the calendar year 1943 $ 605.88

Amount of income tax withheld $ .60

16—34840-1

[OVER]



EMPLOYEE'S WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
(Collection of Income Tax at Source on Wages)

MAS JEFFERSON STEINHISE Social Security No. None

YOUR EMPLOYER. Otherwise, he is required by law to withhold tax from your wages without exemption.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR WITHHOLDING EXEMPTIONS

e the figure "1" here . . . . . —

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which you have claimed above and write the total here 2

lding exemptions claimed on this certificate does not exceed the number to which I am entitled.

944 (Signature) Thomas J. Steinhise

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEE

KEEP THIS RECEIPT—IT IS IMPORTANT

Your employer has withheld a tax from your wages in accordance with the Current Tax Payment Act of 1943. The amount withheld is shown on the other side of this form. Pay to the collector of internal revenue, is shown on the other side of this form. The amount withheld is larger than your Victory Tax return for the taken as a credit against the tax shown in your income tax return for the or before March 15, 1944. If the amount withheld is larger than your receipt for the credit or refund of the balance is allowable. This statement is in support of the credit or overpayment. Furthe You may be called upon to show it in support of the credit or refund. should keep this receipt.

Regardless of whether a tax has been withheld, you are required to make an Income tax return: If you are single, or married and not living with husband or wife, and your gross income for 1943 was $500 or more, or if you and your spouse each had gross income for 1943 and the combined income was more than $624, or (2) you and your spouse had a combined income for 1943 of $1,200 or more. Such return must be filed not later than March 15, 1944 a return is filed.

Copies of the return forms may be obtained from the collector

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S TO PAYORS

these forms for each dance with the instruc- n Form 1096.

include payments to non- ms reported on Form 1042.

d with return Form 1096 to reach the Commissioner of al Revenue, Returns Distribu- Section, Washington, D. C., on before February 15, 1943.

Copy of this form as filed with the Government should be furnished to the employee whose income is reported in first column to assist him in preparing his income tax return.

To Whom Paid (Full name and home address) Thomas J. Stenhise, Kpr. Ret. 1306 S. Charles St. Baltimore, Md.					Employee's social security number, if any
KIND AND AMOUNT OF INCOME PAID					
Salaries, Wages, Fees, Commissions, Bonuses (If single $500 or more, if married $1,200 or more)	Interest on Notes, Mortgages, etc.	Rents and Royalties	Other Fixed or Determinable Income	Foreign Items ($500 or more)	Dividends ($500 or more) (Total paid, including amounts claimed nontaxable)
($6000 or more aggregate amount of above items)					
$605.88	$	$	$	$	$
☐ SINGLE MARRIED ☒					

By Whom Paid (Name and address) U. S. COAST GUARD WASHINGTON, D. C.

16—31099-1

(OVER)

RESPONSE LE

DATE REQUEST RECEIVED

REQUESTED INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS

[X] The attached material is furnished in response to your request.
[ ] Your request did not specify a particular Standard Form 90. Ne
of the most recent form.
[ ] This transcript of employment (which has been prepared from t
action shown on the form. If you require another SF 90, please ind
folder which either was never established or cannot be located.
[ ] The official personnel folder established for this employee.
of the records of employment with the District of Columbia Gove
[ ] The records of other Federal employment. The attac
credited with the records in lieu of the folder.
employee's service in lieu of the folder.
[ ] This form has not been notarized as we have no notary qualifi
Records Administration, which is generally accepted as sufficien
[ ] We cannot answer questions of a personal nature. Unless o
[ ] The requested information or document is not in the offici
[ ] The information you requested is not releasable without ex
records are involved or proof of that person's death. If you
[ ] A search of our records did not reveal a record of the cla
documentation can be submitted to verify the information shown
we will make a further search. If you resubmit your request.
[ ] Requests involving retirement or insurance information or
Management, Compensation Group, 1900 E Street NW, Washington,
[ ] Pay claims arising from Federal employment should be sent
DC 20415.
[ ] Requests concerning amendment or removal of information
Director for Workforce Information, Personnel Systems and Ove
N.W., Room 5415, Washington,DC 20415.
[ ] We do not have the authority to determine civil service
Contact the personnel office with which you are currently em
Management, 1900 E Street, Washington, DC 20415. The attac
determinations.
[ ] The records you have requested are not on file at this
[ ] We suggest you contact the address given below/on the
[ ] The official personnel folder is not at this Center.
[ ] The agency mentioned in your request does not retire
that agency.
[ ] Your request, along with the necessary documents, has
record for processing. Please contact that office at the
matter.
[ ] The requested official personnel folder was sent to
that office.

Referral address:

Edward J. Weaver
94 E. North Shore Ave
N. Fort Myers, Fl. 3391

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESPONSE LETTER

NAME OF EMPLOYEE	DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
STEINHICE, THOMAS J.	9-29-1878	n/a

DATE OF REQUEST	DATE REQUEST RECEIVED	DATE OF RESPONSE
12-9-89	12-13-89	12-18-89

REQUESTED INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS: Genealogical

[X] The attached material is furnished in response to your request.
[ ] Your request did not specify a particular Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action. We have attached a copy of the most recent form. If you require another SF 50, please include in your request the date of the SF 50 and the specific action shown on the form.
[ ] This transcript of employment (which has been prepared from pay records) is furnished in lieu of an official personnel folder which either was never established or cannot be located. File this transcript as a permanent record on the right side of the official personnel folder established for this employee.
[ ] The records of employment with the District of Columbia Government and Defense Non-appropriated Fund activities are not combined with the records of other Federal employment. The attached transcript serves as official documentation of the employee's service in lieu of the folder.
[ ] This form has not been notarized as we have no notary available. We have affixed the seal of the National Archives and Records Administration, which is generally accepted as sufficient certification.
[ ] We cannot answer questions of a personal nature. Unless otherwise indicated, conduct and performance were satisfactory.
[ ] The requested information or document is not in the official personnel folder.
[ ] The information you requested is not releasable without either written authorization and signature from the person whose records are involved or proof of that person's death. If you resubmit your request, please return all correspondence.
[ ] A search of our records did not reveal a record of the claimed Federal employment. If additional information or documentation can be submitted to verify the information shown in the request or to otherwise support the claimed employment, we will make a further search. If you resubmit your request, please return all correspondence.
[ ] Requests involving retirement or insurance information or medical records should be sent to the Office of Personnel Management, Compensation Group, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415.
[ ] Pay claims arising from Federal employment should be sent to the General Accounting Office, 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20415.
[ ] Requests concerning amendment or removal of information in the official personnel folder should be sent to the Assistant Director for Workforce Information, Personnel Systems and Oversight Group, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, N.W., Room 5415, Washington, DC 20415.
[ ] We do not have the authority to determine civil service status, reinstatement eligibility, or creditability of service. Contact the personnel office with which you are currently employed or seeking employment, or the Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, Washington, DC 20415. The attached documents or transcript will assist in making such determinations.
[ ] The records you have requested are not on file at this Center.
[ ] We suggest you contact the address given below/on the attached printout.
[ ] The official personnel folder is not at this Center. Please contact the last or current employing agency.
[ ] The agency mentioned in your request does not retire personnel records to this Center. We suggest you write directly to that agency.
[ ] Your request, along with the necessary documents, has been forwarded to the office that retains legal custody of the record for processing. Please contact that office at the address given below if you have further questions about this matter.
[ ] The requested official personnel folder was sent to the address given below on _____. We suggest you contact that office.

Referral address:

Edward J. Weaver
94 E. North Shore Ave.
N. Fort Myers, Fl. 33917

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for

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

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

NA FORM 13056 (REV. 7-87)

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94 E. North Shore Ave.
N. Fort Myers, FL 33917
December 9, 1989

Civilian Personnel Records
111 Winnebago St.
St. Louis, MO 63118

I am searching for genealogical information on Thomas Jefferson Steinhice, born 1879. He served in the lighthouse service in the 1930's--one station being the Sevenfoot Knoll Lighthouse located in the mouth of the Patapsco River in Maryland.

Any information you have would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your help.

Yours truly,

Edward J. Weaver Jr

Edward J. Weaver, Jr.

NCG 2661A
Form approved by
Comptroller General U. S.
(April 13, 1934)

DATA SUPPORTING CLAIM FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF PERSONNEL

(MEMORANDUM)

U. S. COAST GUARD

(To be retained by payee, and when payment is made by check, to be used as mailing copy)

Headquarters
Retired Roll-Lighthouse

...0 ..... Unit .....

...tired ..... Total years of service .....

..... Pay period, duty, or grade .....

$52.37
Monthly rate of pay .....
(Base and longevity)

Coast Guard For pay and allowances—

..... From 1 July 49, 19..., to 22 July 49, 19...
(Inclusive)

Credits ..... $	38.40	NOTATIONS
Total Charges, $		

FORM W-4
U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

EMPLOYEE'S WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

(Collection of Income Tax at Source on Wages)

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Name Thomas J. Steinhise, KPR, RET.
(Print full name)

Address 1306 S. Charles Street
(Print home address)
Baltimore Maryland

Social Security No. .....

I. Check the box in the line below which applies to *you* on the date this form is filled in:
Married person living with husband or wife but claiming none of the personal exemption ..... (1) ☐
Married person living with husband or wife but claiming half of the personal exemption ..... (2) ☐
Married person living with husband or wife and claiming all of the personal exemption (spouse claiming none of the exemption) ..... (3) ☐
Single person (not head of a family) or married person not living with husband or wife who exercises family control and supports closely connected dependent relative(s) in one household) ..... (4) ☑
Head of a family (a single person or married person not living with husband or wife who are either under 18 years of age or incapable of self support because mentally or physically defective ..... (5) ☐

II. Number of dependents **receiving chief support from you** who are either under 18 years of age or incapable of self support because mentally or physically defective .....

I declare that the entries made herein are a true and complete statement as of the date indicated, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued under authority thereof.

Date July 17, 1943

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(Signature) Thomas J. Steinhise

...l or sea duty, ...e at any station, nor did ...

...pendents are claimed because of .....
(Here state whether lawful wife, unma...

...ts, also ages of minor children)

...hich allowances are claimed the sum of $....., in cash or its ...very statement as set forth in her affidavit dated ...., 19....} is true and correct, and so remains at this time, except ...and signing of this voucher)

...—DO NOT SIGN) ..... (Name) ..... (Official designation)

...egoing account; that the statements contained therein have been compared with the records of the United States Coast Guard and found ...ed; that the officer named is entitled to the amount of pay and allowances herein approved; and that during the period for which rental allowance is claimed on this voucher, the above-named officer was not assigned adequate quarters at his permanent station.

Approved for $.....

Date ..... 1949, 19....

(MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) .....
Commanding, District Commander.

A.F.MACKAY, Lieutenant, USCG
Authorized Certifying Officer

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—29661-1

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Form approved by
Comptroller General U. S.
(April 13, 1934)

DATA SUPPORTING CLAIM
FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF PERSONNEL
(MEMORANDUM)

PLATE CHANGE

NEW PLATE ( )

September 10, 1948

CHANGE AS INDICATED: (x)

Name: Thomas J. Steinhise

Rank or Service Number: Keeper

Gross Pay: 52.37

Tax Withholding:

Insurance:

Net Pay: 52.37

Address: 1306 S. Charles St.
Baltimore, Maryland

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(April 13, 1934)

DATA SUPPORTING CLAIM FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF PERSONNEL

(MEMORANDUM)

U. S. COAST GUARD

(To be retained by payee, and when payment is made by check, to be used as mailing copy)

Headquarters
Retired Roll-Lighthouse

Appropriation: 2001241, Retired Pay, Coast Guard, 1950

Unit _____

Total years of service _____

Pay period, duty, or grade Retired

Monthly rate of pay $52.37 (Base and longevity)

For pay and allowances 1 July 49 *From* _____, 19___, *to* 22 July 49, 19___ (Inclusive)

THE UNITED STATES, *Dr.*,

To Thomas J. Stoinhise, Keeper, Deceased
(Name)

_____, *U. S. Coast Guard*
(Designation)

_____
(Address)

CREDITS:		NOTATIONS
Subsistence allowance $		
Rental or quarters allowance	38.40	
Pay		
Balance forwarded from (Name of unit, noting month of roll or voucher)		
Sundry credits and adjustments		
TOTAL CREDITS $	38.40	
CHARGES:		
Allotment $		
Clothing		
Forfeited		
Sundry charges and adjustments	None	
TOTAL CHARGES $		

		NOTATIONS
Total Credits $	38.40	
Less—Total Charges, $		
Amt. retained		
TOTAL $		
Net amount to be paid on this voucher $	38.40	

REMARKS: Died: 22 July, 1949. Last paid for the period 1-30 June, 1949 on D. C. Vou. No. 436-28328, settled in the June, 1949 accounts of Paul D. Banning, CDO, Symbol No. 1372. U.S. Treas. Check No. #333354 dated 31 July, 1949 will be cancelled in the August, 1949 accounts of Paul D. Banning, CDO, Symbol No. 1372.

(Additional statements by Department if deemed necessary)

(ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION) 21-125 1200

(Payee will NOT use this space)

Differences _____

38.40

Account verified: correct for $ _____

(Signature or initials) K E K W mm

I certify that the foregoing account is true and correct and that payment therefor has not been received; that during the period for which rental allowance is claimed I was not assigned adequate quarters at my permanent station; that, if without dependents, I was not on field or sea duty during the period for which rental allowance is claimed; that, if with dependents, I did not occupy with them any public quarters assigned to me without charge at any station, nor did any of them occupy public quarters assigned to them or to any other officer or his dependents except for brief visits; that the increased allowances for dependents are claimed because of _____
(Here state whether lawful wife, unmarried child or children under 21 years, mother dependent upon officer for support, giving names and addresses of dependents, also ages of minor children)

and that, in case of dependent mother, I have contributed to her support during the current period for which allowances are claimed the sum of $_____, in cash or its equivalent, without any consideration in return, which contribution is her *chief support*, and each and every statement as set forth in her affidavit dated _____, 19____ {attached hereto / filed with voucher} for _____ (Month), 19____ is true and correct, and so remains at this time, except

(Here state fully changes occurring between date of last affidavit and signing of this voucher)

_____, 19____ (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) _____ (Name), _____ (Official designation)
(Date)

I certify that I have examined the foregoing account; that the statements contained therein have been compared with the records of the United States Coast Guard and found correct except as otherwise indicated; that the officer named is entitled to the amount of pay and allowances herein approved; and that during the period for which rental allowance is claimed on this voucher, the above-named officer was not assigned adequate quarters at his permanent station.

Approved for $ 38.40

Date 11 AUG 1949, 19____

(MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) _____ *Commanding, District Commander.*

A. F. MACKAY, Lieutenant, USCG
Authorized Certifying Officer

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—29661-1

CG 9619 (REV. 12-47)
TREASURY DEPT.

ACC **U. S. COAST GUARD**

PC

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HEADING RR BEPJC
DE BEPJP 1

FROM R 251200Z
FM OIC USMH BALTO MD

ACTION TO COMDT CG WASHNDC
GRNC

INFORM

TEXT

THOMAS JEFFERSON STEINHISE L H S RETIRED DIED 22 JULY AT 8:45 PM
THIS HOSPITAL

CFN 22 8:45 PM

25/1235Z JULY BEPJP

OPERATOR'S RECORD AND DATE
EM 1949

OFFICIAL INITIALS

MEMORANDUM

Copy for Administrative Office

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Form 39A

CERTIFICATE OF SETTLEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

mgk

D. O. Vou. No. 436 6935

PAID BY
CDO TREASURY DEPT.
COAST GUARD, WASH., D. C.
SEP ~~26~~ 29 1949

Claim No. 2-142646

WASHINGTON, September 20, 1949
(Date)

SYMBOL NO. 1372

CERTIFICATE No.
1778914

Paying Officer will please show this CERTIFICATE NUMBER on the check used in payment hereof, and insert the check number in space provided below.

Ida M. Steinhise, as widow of Thomas Jefferson Steinhise, deceased,
1306 South Charles Street,
Baltimore 30, Maryland.

I CERTIFY there is due from the United States to the above-named claimant(s), payable from the appropriation(s) indicated, the sum of—

THIRTY-EIGHT AND 40/100 Dollars ($ 38.40)

on account of

retired pay due Thomas J. Steinhise, deceased, for the period July 1 to 22, 1949, as keeper, retired, Treasury Department, former Lighthouse Service, United States Coast Guard. (Treasury, U. S. Coast Guard, PHM-75, August 9, 1949)

2001241 Retired Pay, Coast Guard, 1950

To: Chief Disbursing Officer,
(Assistant Disbursing Officer,
Coast Guard Headquarters).

MEMORANDUM

Copy for Administrative Office

☆ U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1946 719116

1 August 1949
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General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Thomas J. Steinhise, Kpr. USCG, Retired
Deceased

Gentlemen:

The following information relative to the pay account of the retired civilian employee named above is furnished for use in the settlement of claim for final pay held due in his case:

Date of death:	22 July 1949
Gross pay to date of death:	$38.40
Federal tax withheld and disposed of:	None
Other deductions:	None
Net amount due on death:	$38.40

Last paid for the period 1-30 June 1949 on U. S. Vou. No. 436-28328, settled in the June 1949 accounts of Paul D. Banning, CDO, Symbol No. 1372.

Appropriation to which chargeable: 20X1241, Retired Pay, Coast Guard, 1950.

Application for payment of amount due the decedent (Standard Form 1055) is being furnished the next of kin.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

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

CCGordon:fvb
7-29-49 6-7

FA-PA 75

28 July, 1949

Chief, Disbursing Section

Chief, Pay and Audit Section

Retired Pay Check; cancellation of

It is requested that the July,1949 retired pay check for the personnel cited below be cancelled due to the death of payee:

NAME	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT.	DATE	DIED
Thomas J. Steinhise, Kpr.Ret.	#333354	$52.37	7-31-49	7-22-49

A. F. MACKAY

LE/cal

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

FORM APPROVED.
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 50-R064.

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

1. NAME (MR.—MISS—MRS.—FIRST—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST)	2. DATE OF BIRTH	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO.	4. DATE
Steinhise, Thomas J. (Mr.)	3-23-1878	11	3-7-48

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

5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY)	6. EFFECTIVE DATE	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY
~~APPOINTMENT~~ Retirement (Disability)	Close 4-30-41	

FROM		TO
Keeper	8. POSITION TITLE	
Range $1560-1920) Plus $1620 per annum) $60 pa Otrs	9. SERVICE, GRADE, SALARY	
U. S. Coast Guard	10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS	
Norfolk, Va. Seven-Foot Knoll Lt. Sta., Md.	11. HEADQUARTERS	
[X] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL	12. FIELD OR DEPT'L	[ ] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL

13. REMARKS

In accordance with the Comptroller General's Decision A-70029 dated 10-23-47, which reversed Decision A-31584 of 5-28-30, your retirement pay has been recomputed on the basis of the average gross pay (which includes the valuation of quarters for the period occupied) received during the last five years of your active duty. The computation on this basis changes the rate of your retirement pay from $505.89 to $528.48, and this notice is issued in order that you may have accurate information as to the rate of retirement pay which you are authorized to receive.

Total Service: 15 years, 0 months, 22 days.

Computation: ($1689.16 x 15.0611 ÷ 40) = $528.48

14. SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION

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

17. SEX	18. RACE	19. APPROPRIATION	20. SUBJECT TO C.S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES—NO)	21. DATE OF OATH (ACCESSIONS ONLY)	22. LEGAL RESIDENCE
M		FROM: TO: Civilian Employees, CG	Yes Lm 3-4-25		Maryland

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 1-41

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

PAGE: 29586

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

Date June 4, 1941.

Name: Steinhise, Thomas J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard (BUREAU OR DIVISION) Bureau No.: 1241

Nature of Recommendation

Retirement, disability

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper	
Grade	Field (Range $1560-1920)	
Salary	$1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Qtrs.	
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	
Headquarters	Norfolk, Virginia	
Post of Duty	Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta., Md.	
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C. G.	
Allotment		

FIELD ☒ DEPRTMTL. ☐ FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☐

EFFECTIVE close April 30, 1941.

Remarks:

The annual rate of retired pay is $605.89.

Justification:

Total service: 15 years and 22 days.

Computation: ($1609.16 x 15.0611 ÷ 40) $605.89.

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

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

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Maryland

SEX: M | RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

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

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 3-4-25

DATE OF OATH

(FOR USE OF DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. TREASURY DEPARTMENT)

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

6-7-41

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Condition of nose and sinuses no infection

Condition of mouth and throat, including tonsils and teeth tonsils not remarkable; only front incisors present.

Bones, joints, muscles, including atrophies Slight to moderate limitation of motion in all joints, especially knees and back.
(Express limitation of motion, if any, in degrees and joint involved)

Respiratory system emphysematous findings in both lungs.

Cardiovascular system:

(a) Heart Normal in size and shape. Dilatation of aorta.

(1) Murmurs none (2) Arrhythmias none

(b) Pulse rate: (1) Sitting 90 (2) After exercise ..... (3) 2 minutes after exercise Not advisable to exercise patient.

(c) Blood pressure: (1) Sitting—Syst. 170 Diast. 100 (2) After ex.—Syst. -- Diast. --

(d) Condition of blood vessels Moderate thickening and sclerosis

Evidence of thyroid or other endocrine disturbance none

Abdomen and gastro-intestinal system, including hernia x-ray evidence duodenal ulcer

Genito-urinary system:

Urinalysis—Sp. gr. 1.026 Reaction acid Albumin negative Sugar negative

Sediment microscopic (required when albumin or sugar is found) occ. pus cell

Reflexes, motor disturbances, etc.:

(a) Station good (e) Gait good

(b) Tremor none (f) Coordination good

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

(d) Other motor disturbances none

Alcohol slight Drugs none Syphilis none Epilepsy none

Other neurological findings none

General impression Patient suffering from multiple consitutional diseases.

Here describe fully nature of disability: Arteriosclerosis, general; arthritis, chronic, hypertrophic, general, moderate; hypertension, arterial; duodenal ulcer; pulmonary emphysema; dilatation of aortic arch.

Is disability to perform duty of a permanent character? yes

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

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

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service

U.S.Marine Hospital
(Place of examination)

May 20, 1941
(Date)

K. R. Nelson
(Examining surgeon)

K. R. Nelson
Surgeon, U.S. Public Health Service
(Title and branch of medical service)

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Form 2523
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D MAY 24 1941

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

(Act of March 4, 1925) Born 9/29/1878

NAME OF CLAIMANT Thomas Jefferson Steinhise DESIGNATION Lighthouse keeper
Norfolk Dist

Height 5 ft. 9 in. Weight 188 lbs. pounds. Complexion fair

Color of eyes gray Color of hair gray

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination: Elderly, well developed and nourished white male. No marked distinguishing characteristics.

Description of duties of position (to be filled in by district commander):

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MEDICAL SECTION

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: Pain in knees and back since Spring, 1940. Stomach distress from stomach ulcer for years. Shortness of breath and cough on exertion.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Visual acuity (uncorrected): R. E. 20/ 30 L. E. 20/ 30

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

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

Reads Jaeger No. J-2 at 13 inches, with correction.

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

Inspection normal

Pupils normal Pupillary reaction normal

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

Appearance of right drum silvery, left drum silvery

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

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Form 9

TREASURY
DEPARTMENT ~~OF COMMERCE~~
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~
U. S. Coast Guard

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D MAY 24 1941

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Commander,
~~Superintendent of lighthouses,~~

Date 5 April, 1941

Norfolk District

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NORFOLK DISTRICT

Norfolk, Va.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective May 1, 1941, on the basis of service shown hereon.

Thomas J. Steinhise,
General Delivery, South Station,
Baltimore, Maryland.

X Thomas J. Steinhise
(Name)

Keeper
(Designation)

OFFICE OF ~~SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~ Commander, Norfolk District

City Norfolk, Va. *Date* 23 May, 1941

Commandant, U.S.C.G.

Submitted to ~~Commissioner of lighthouses,~~ Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $.....

per annum, effective at the close of ~~31 May~~ 30 April, 1941

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

C. J. Sullivan
C. J. SULLIVAN,
By direction. ~~Superintendent of lighthouses~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*,

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT ~~OF COMMERCE~~

~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~

U. S. Coast Guard

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name Thomas J. Steinhise Date of birth 29 September, 1878

Designation Keeper

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment, Lighthouse Service and Coast Guard							
Light Keeper	Jan.	29	1919	Nov	15	1919	
	Dec.	1	1926	~~May~~ Apr.	~~31~~ 30	1941	
	Leave without pay 11 Nov. 1940 - 5 Jan. 1941, inclusive and ~~month of May, 1941.~~						
Total service			15 years and 22 days				

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

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

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

If so, state the compensation received: --

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or P. H. personnel)	Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year			
	March	6	1936	June	30	1936	3 Mo-25D	$1560.PA	$ 498.33
Light Keeper	July	1	1936	Jan.	31	1937	7 Mo	1560.PA	910.00
	Feb.	1	1937	June	30	1937	5 Mo	1620.PA	675.00
	July	1	1937	June	30	1938	1 Yr	"	1620.00
	July	1	1938	June	30	1939	1 Yr.	"	1620.00
	July	1	1939	June	30	1940	1 Yr.	"	1620.00
	July	1	1940	Nov.	10	1940	4 Mo.10D	"	585.00
	Jan.	6	1941	Apr.	30	1941	3 Mo.25D	"	517.50

Total compensation for last five years of active service $8,045.83

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1,609.16

Annual rate of retired pay ($1,609.16 × years 15.0611 (Not exceeding 40) = $605.89

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 1-41

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL Date June 4, 1941.

Name: Steinhise, Thomas J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard (BUREAU OR DIVISION) Bureau No.: 921

Nature of Recommendation

Cancellation of change in status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper	Keeper
Grade	Field (Range $1560-1920)	Field (Range $1380-1740)
Salary	$1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a.Qtrs.	$1440 p.a. plus $60 p.a.Qtrs.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters	Norfolk, Virginia	Norfolk, Virginia
Post of Duty	Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta.,Md.	Ragged Pt.Lt.Sta.,Md.
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C.G.	Civilian Employees, C.G.
Allotment		
	FIELD [X] DEPRTMTL. [ ]	FIELD [X] DEPRTMTL. [ ]

EFFECTIVE

Remarks: Travel from Baltimore, Maryland to Valley Lee, Maryland, necessary in interest of Government, not for convenience of employee is authorized, with per diem of $3.50 in lieu of subsistence, chargeable to symbol No. 29. Travel by privately owned automobile at the rate of 4¢ a mile, if more economical and advantageous to the United States than travel by commercial carrier, authorized. If travel is by privately owned automobile, a statement certifying that such travel is more economical and advantageous than travel by commercial carrier must be attached to the voucher.

Justification: The transfer of Mr. Steinhise is for disciplinary purposes as a result of neglect of duty in connection with the general upkeep of the station. In the new assignment he will be subordinate to another keeper who will have responsibility for the accomplishment of the maintenance and other work required at the station.

The recommendation for transfer of this employee was submitted to the Department on October 11, 1940, but was not received back in this office with the Department's approval until December 28, 1940. In the meantime Mr. Steinhise became ill and the Marine Hospital at Baltimore advised that his health was very poor and his chances to return to normal occupation were slight. Therefore, in view of his age and physical condition, it was not practicable to effect his transfer, and although it was proposed for disciplinary purposes, it is recommended that it be cancelled for the reasons stated.

Consideration given all other eligible employees

Certified as to sufficiency of Appropriated Funds

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

(FOR USE OF DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. TREASURY DEPARTMENT)

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Md.

SEX: M RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION — NEW: — ADDTL. IDENT.:

VICE VACANCY: — VICE: *N.S.Atherton

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

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

DATE OF OATH

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UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

Date October 11, 1940.

Name: Steinhise, Thomas J.

From: U. S. Coast Guard (BUREAU OR DIVISION) Bureau No: 921

Nature of Recommendation

Change in Status and post of duty - decrease in grade and salary

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper	Keeper
Grade	Field (Range $1560-1920)	Field (Range $1380-1740)
Salary	$1620 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Qtrs.	$1440 p.a. plus $60 p.a. Qtrs.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters	Norfolk, Virginia	Norfolk, Virginia
Post of Duty	Seven-Foot Knoll Lt.Sta.,Md.	Ragged Pt. Lt. Sta., Md.
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C.G.	Civilian Employees, C.G.
Allotment		
Field or Deptl.	Field	Field

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 9-29-1878

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Maryland

SEX: M | RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE: *

EFFECTIVE E.O.D. CANCELLED

Remarks: Travel from Baltimore Maryland to Valley Lee, Maryland, necessary in interest of Government, not for convenience of employee is authorized, with per diem of $3.50 in lieu of subsistence, chargeable to symbol No. 29. Travel by privately owned automobile at the rate of 4¢ a mile, if more economical and advantageous to the United States than travel by commercial carrier, authorized. If travel is by privately owned automobile, a statement certifying that such travel is more economical and advantageous than travel by commercial carrier must be attached to the voucher.

*N.S.Atherton

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

DATE OF OATH: CANCELLED

N. R. STILES,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

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

(BUREAU OR DIVISION HEAD)

(FOR USE OF DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. TREASURY DEPARTMENT)

Approved:
/s/ Herbert E. Gaston,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY: 10-14-40

INTERLEAVED-PATD.-WANFORD'S

File HP. 10-21

HEADQUARTERS

THE COMMANDANT, U. S. COAST GUARD
AND REFER TO No. CP-75

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON October 17, 1940.

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Director of Personnel,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Parhan, Room 120.

Sir:

In accordance with your informal request, there are herewith submitted copies of pertinent papers in connection with the proposed transfer of Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise to Ragged Point Light Station, Maryland, form 2249 for which was submitted on October 11, 1940.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

R. J. GROSS,
Chief, Civilian Personnel.

Inclosures (4).

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

Norfolk Va., 28 August, 1940.

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Charges against T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station.

Reference: (a) Inspection report 7 August, 1940.
(b) Copy charges neglect of duty, 17 Aug., 1940.
(c) Answer to charges, 24 Aug., 1940.

Inclosures: (1) Reference (a)
(2) Reference (b)
(3) Reference (c)

1. The answer in reference (c) to charges preferred in reference (b) against T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, is considered irrelevant and immaterial, and, therefore, unsatisfactory. In view of these facts, the charges are considered sustained.

2. It is, therefore, recommended that Keeper T. J. Steinhise be reduced to rating of Assistant Keeper and transferred to another station in the Norfolk District. It is recommended further that Keeper Steinhise be placed on probation for a period of one year.

3. For the information of Headquarters it can be stated that Steinhise will be eligible for retirement, if found physically incapable of performing his duties, in about six months. It is anticipated that his physical condition will be checked at that time to determine, among other considerations, his ability to continue in the service.

(W. J. Keester)
W. J. KEESTER,
Acting

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Coast Guard

Box 6312 South Station
Address

Seven Foot Knoll
(Station,Depot,or Vessel)

August 24, 1940
Date

Commander, Norfolk District,
U. S. Coast Guard,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Sir:

In answer to letter received Aug 24, 1940 Today of Lax to my duties, I am not guilty, I have not been well for a long time oweing to my injury and bad health, I have been a Subject to and am still a Subject of Superintendance Or Commanders of their consideration. Any American Says that I dont try to do my duty in regards to my duties to the Goverment of the United States. (I have and my Parents before me) I have no have never in my life failed to heed any caution, to give my best effords to do what I am told. I am and can Submit to the President of the United States when I am compelled to, as a Loyal citizen with proper cooperation from the Goverment and my assistance to do my duty at all times

Respectfully

Thomas J. Steinhise
Keeper

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17 August, 1940

From: Commander, Norfolk District.
To: Keeper T. J. Steinhise,
Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station,
South Station - Box 6412,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Subject: Charges - neglect of duties.

Inclosure: (1) Copy of Inspection Report made 7 August, 1940.
(2) Copy of letter dated 18 October, 1937.

1. An inspection of your station on 7 August indicates that you have been lax in your duties to the extent that the station has deteriorated and become so very far below the standard required by the Coast Guard as to warrant the following charges:

2. You have failed to heed the caution given you by the former Superintendent of Lighthouses, in a letter dated 18 October, 1937, copy attached.

3. You are charged with neglect of duty in permitting the station to become into a deplorable condition. It is dirty, disorderly and in need of painting, as indicated in copy of the report of inspection made on 7 August, attached.

4. You will be given 21 days from this date to answer these charges. Your answer must be confined to the specific charges herein made and it must be expressed in temperate language as indicated in Paragraph 91, of the "Instructions to Employees of the U.S. Lighthouse Service, 1927", a copy of which is or should be on your station.

/s/ W. J. KEESTER,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Acting Commander, Norfolk District.

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Form 61

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

REPORT OF INSPECTION OF LIGHT STATION DEPOT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Norfolk DISTRICT,
Commander,

16 August , 19 40

1. Name of aid, Seven Foot Knoll.
2. Inspected by N.C. MANYON, Commander on 7 August 19 40
3. Does aid conform in characteristic and description to official lists? Yes.
4. Is the aid in efficient condition and does it function properly?
   (a) Light. Yes
   (b) Fog signal. Yes
   (c) _____
5. Is the station in clean and orderly condition? No.
6. Are records and correspondence files maintained properly? No. Needs files and instructions.
7. Are tools and supplies properly stored and cared for? No.
8. Does property return check with count of selected items? No.
9. Were surplus and condemned articles surveyed and disposed of? No.
10. Is the station in proper state of repair as to—
    (a) Work that can be done by the keepers? No.
    (b) Work that cannot be done by the keepers? Yes.
11. Station rating: Cleanliness, 60 ; orderliness, 60 ; operation, 100

12.

Personnel Rating		Name	Neatness	Conduct	Efficiency
	Keeper	Steinhise	Absent	on leave	
	1st Asst	Willis -BMlc	80	80	80
	2d Asst				

Scale of rating: 100=Excellent. 90=Good. 80=Average. 70=Fair. 60=Poor. 50=Very poor.

13. Remarks.—Give further information as may be necessary relative to negative answers to questions 3 to 10. Mention should be made of all important facts concerning the station.

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The condition of this station is deplorable. (See separate letter)

Paint room - very dirty and disorderly.
Bell room - " " .
Roof - needs painting.
Lantern storm panes - very dirty.
Metal on lens - dirty.
Upper galley deck needs painting.
Bell machinery - dirty.
Door leading from lower deck to kitchen - needs scraping and painting.
Food locker - dirty.
Floors - dirty, need scrubbing and refinishing.
Storm doors - need scraping and painting.
Kitchen floor - dirty.
Kitchen - needs scrubbing and painting.

MEMO for maintenance and repairs:
Station needs heating stove - MANGUM 15 or equal.
Boat engine needs new eccentric straps and rocker arm.

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October 17, 1940.

Director of Personnel,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Parhan, Room 120.

Sir:

In accordance with your informal request, there are herewith submitted copies of pertinent papers in connection with the proposed transfer of Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise to Ragged Point Light Station, Maryland, form 2249 for which was submitted on October 11, 1940.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

R. J. GROSS,
Chief, Civilian Personnel.

Inclosures (4).

APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE MUST FILL THE FOLLOWING

Name (in full) Thomas Jefferson Steinhice Sex Male

Present address 1306 South Charles St Date of birth September 29-1878

Give below all places of residence during the past FIVE years

From-- (Month and year)	To-- Month and year)	Number and Street	City and State
May 1931	November 1935	132 E. Hilling St	Baltimore Md
Jan 1935	May 1936	1252 Riverside ave	Baltimore Md
May 1936	April 1937	3515 4th St Brooklyn	Baltimore Md
April 1937	May 1938	1624 S Charles St	Baltimore Md
May 1938	Oct 1939	1806 Light St	Baltimore Md

Give, in your own handwriting, the information requested below

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

If so, give details in space provided below.

Date of Arrest	Age	Charge	Court and Location	Judge	Disposition

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

Have you ever been fingerprinted? Yes Where? Easton House

When? 1926 or 1927 If for the Civil Service, what position? L H Keeper

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

Thomas J. Steinhice
Customary payroll signature of employee

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of October 1939.

Loreen S Hard
Notary Public

My commission expires May 5, 1941

U. S. COAST GUARD

HEADQUARTERS

ADDRESS THE COMMANDANT, U. S. COAST GUARD
AND REFER TO No. CP-75

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON 12 February, 1940.

Director of Personnel,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

There is attached hereto a copy of a letter of caution addressed to Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper, Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, for information and the official record of this employee.

By direction of the Commandant,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Jones,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief Personnel Officer.

Inclosure: (1).

CP-75

7 February, 1940.

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station, Md.
(Through Commander, Norfolk District).

Headquarters has given careful consideration to your reply to charges in the matter of your having permitted the assistant keeper to bring intoxicating liquors to the station on his return from leave on 21 December, 1939, in violation of paragraph 120 of the Instructions to Employees. It is noted that Willie P. Willis, BM 1c., is assigned to the duties of assistant keeper at your station, and that upon his return from leave you observed that he brought intoxicating liquors to the station, but that you had doubts as to your authority to enforce the regulations in this instance, and that you departed from the station on leave under these circumstances. In consideration of the explanation submitted by you no action will be taken beyond cautioning you with regard to your responsibility as keeper in charge of the station, and your attention is directed to the above cited paragraph of the Instruction for your future guidance.

By direction,

July 1, 1939. Lighthouse Districts No. / Fifth
consolidated with Norfolk, Coast Guard District,
C. H. Jones,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Headquarters Norfolk, Virginia

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

July 1, 1939. Lighthouse Districts No. / Fifth

consolidated with Norfolk Coast Guard District,

Headquarters Norfolk, Virginia

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

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

File received - FEB 9 1940

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Thomas J. Steinhise (Name) _____ Md. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

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DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	5th BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prob.	1480	L.H. Tangier Sd., Va	
		Cancelled		
Keeper	Prob.	720	L.H.-Lower Cedar L.S.	Jan. 29, 1919
	RESIGNED CLOSE OF	Nov. 15, 1919.		
Keeper	Prob.	1140	L.H. 5th Class at Large	Dec. 1, 1926.
"	Trans. & Prom	1260	" Ragged Pt. L.S. Md.	3-16-27
"	Trans. (73a)	1260	" Cobb Pt. L.S. Md.	July 7, 1927.
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1380	" " "	JUL 1 1928
Keeper	Prom.	1560	L.H.-Upper Cedar Pt. L.S.	Jan. 3, 1929
"	Trans (73a)	1560	" Seven Foot Knoll L.S.	Dec. 16, 1930
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1620	" "	FEB - 1 1937

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 26 1938
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

August 25, 1938.

Mr. T. J. Steinhise, Keeper,
7-Foot Knoll Light Station,
P. O. Box 6412, South Station,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Steinhise:

The Department of Commerce is interested and takes pride in the services you were able to render a small, disabled boat near your Station on July eighteenth. The matter has been brought to the attention of Secretary Roper and myself. Please accept my commendation.

Cordially yours,

J. M. JOHNSON

J. M. Johnson,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

JMJ:MCD

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 22 1937
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

Office of Superintendent, 5th District.
Norfolk, Virginia.

October 18, 1937.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1937 OCT 21 PM 3 40
CHIEF CLERK

steinhise, thomas J.

Keeper,
7-Foot Knoll Light Station,
P.O. Box 6412, South Station,
Baltimore, Md.

Subject: Caution.

1. An inspection of Seven-Foot Knoll Light Station by the Superintendent on October 11 found the maintenance of the station far below the standards of the Lighthouse Service.

2. The exterior was being painted in a very slovenly manner, the red lead being permitted to run and presenting a very unsightly appearance.

3. The roof had been painted over scaling paint and rust. The station tools were rusty and the base of the fog signal machinery showed clearly that the usual care in handling the handle of this machine had not been taken.

4. You are hereby cautioned that your station must evidence great improvement in the future or it will be necessary to take definite disciplinary action to see that Government property is cared for in the manner prescribed in the Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service.

CARDED

/s/ N. C. Manyon,

N. C. MANYON,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to: Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
October 21, 1937.

Copy submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

~~APPOINTMENT DIVISION~~
Division of Personnel
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1937

Mr. T.J. Steinhise

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1937

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,

WM. I. GARDNER FEB - 2 1937

Chief, Division of Personnel.
~~Chief of Appointment Division.~~

From: $1560

To: $1620

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit) Field

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED DEC 23 1936
IN FILE 1093/1.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

July 12, 1934.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have to inclose herewith a letter dated August 22, 1933, and a supplemental letter dated June 5, 1934, from the office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Maryland, regarding the assistance rendered by Thomas J. Steinhise, keeper of Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, Maryland, at 12:30 A. M. on August 21, 1933, when the tug boat POINT BREEZE went down with fourteen men in the immediate vicinity of the lighthouse. There is also inclosed the following supporting papers:

Copy of a letter dated August 21 from Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise.
Letter dated September 1, 1933, from C. H. Spedden, owner of the tug POINT BREEZE.
Joint affidavit of James F. Stevens, Henry P. Kraske, and Archie C. Marshall, and also affidavit of Theodore J. Malinowski.
Affidavit of Ralph A. Kirchner, Master of the tug POINT BREEZE, certifying to the credibility of the affiants.
Copy of Department commendation to Mr. Steinhise.

This matter is submitted in accordance with Treasury Department circular No. 46 of the year 1900 with recommendation that Mr. Steinhise be given such recognition for heroic action as may be deemed appropriate under the terms of the law.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN DICKINSON

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

RC-EK

Copy to effl.

LIGHTHOUSES-Assistant Secretary's Files.
Exact copy as signed by JOHN DICKINSON
Mailed JUL 19 1934 by

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

RECEIVED
JUL 15 PM 2:40
CHIEF CLERK'S

Ofc Kling.
Pls. let me see a
copy of the circular
referred to in the last
para. or tell me
briefly of provisions.
MK.
7/14
Mr Kerbin.
Treasury Copy
attached work
Ofc Kling
per attach
Herewith
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AVING MEDALS.

lar No. 86 of June 10, 1897.)

EASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.
Washington, D. C., April 14, 1900.

together with "An Act construing the Acts of dals," approved January 21, 1897, comprising all are published for the information and guidance

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hereby directed to cause to be prepared medals of as life-saving medals of the first and second class, all hereafter endanger their own lives in saving or within the United States, or upon any American shall be confined to cases of extreme and heroic all be given in cases not sufficiently distinguished *also*, That no award of either medal shall be made rving shall have been filed with the Secretary of e Department.

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AN ACT to [illegible] the Life Saving Service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

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SEC. 12. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to bestow the life-saving medal of the second class upon persons making such signal exertions in rescuing and succoring the shipwrecked, and saving persons from drowning, as, in his opinion, shall merit such recognition.

Approved, June 18, 1878.

AN ACT to promote the efficiency of the Life-Saving Service, and to encourage the saving of life from shipwreck.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

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SEC. 9. That the life-saving medals of the first and second class authorized by the provisions of the seventh section of the Act of July twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, shall be hereafter designated as the gold and silver life-saving medal respectively, and any person who has received or may hereafter receive either of said medals under the provisions of said section, or the twelfth section of the Act of June eighteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and who shall again perform an act which would entitle him to a medal of the same class under said provisions, shall receive, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to award, in lieu of a second medal, a bar, suitably inscribed, of the same metal as the medal to which said person would be entitled, to be attached to a ribbon of such description as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, which may be fastened to the medal already bestowed upon said person; and for every such additional act an additional bar may be added. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized, in his discretion, whenever any person becomes entitled to a bar representing a gold medal, to award him, in addition to said bar, such token as it is customary to award in acknowledgment of the services of masters and crews of foreign vessels in rescuing American citizens from shipwreck.

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Approved, May 4, 1882.

AWARD OF LIFE-SAVING MEDALS.

(Superseding Department Circular No. 86 of June 10, 1897.)

1900.
Department Circular No. 46.

Life-Saving Service.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., April 14, 1900.

The following extracts from acts of Congress, together with "An Act construing the Acts of Congress in relation to the award of life-saving medals," approved January 21, 1897, comprising all existing legislation relating to life-saving medals, are published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

AN ACT to provide for the establishment of life-saving stations and houses of refuge upon the sea and lake coasts of the United States, and to promote the efficiency of the Life-Saving Service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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SEC. 7. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to cause to be prepared medals of honor, with suitable devices, to be distinguished as life-saving medals of the first and second class, which shall be bestowed upon any persons who shall hereafter endanger their own lives in saving or endeavoring to save lives from perils of the sea, within the United States, or upon any American vessel: *Provided*, That the medal of the first class shall be confined to cases of extreme and heroic daring; and that the medal of the second class shall be given in cases not sufficiently distinguished to deserve the medal of the first class: *Provided, also*, That no award of either medal shall be made to any person until sufficient evidence of his deserving shall have been filed with the Secretary of the Treasury and entered upon the records of the Department.

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Approved, June 20, 1874.

AN ACT to organize the Life Saving Service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

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SEC. 12. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to bestow the life-saving medal of the second class upon persons making such signal exertions in rescuing and succoring the shipwrecked, and saving persons from drowning, as, in his opinion, shall merit such recognition.

Approved, June 18, 1878.

AN ACT to promote the efficiency of the Life-Saving Service, and to encourage the saving of life from shipwreck.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

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SEC. 9. That the life-saving medals of the first and second class authorized by the provisions of the seventh section of the Act of July twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, shall be hereafter designated as the gold and silver life-saving medal respectively, and any person who has received or may hereafter receive either of said medals under the provisions of said section, or the twelfth section of the Act of June eighteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and who shall again perform an act which would entitle him to a medal of the same class under said provisions, shall receive, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to award, in lieu of a second medal, a bar, suitably inscribed, of the same metal as the medal to which said person would be entitled, to be attached to a ribbon of such description as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, which may be fastened to the medal already bestowed upon said person; and for every such additional act an additional bar may be added. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized, in his discretion, whenever any person becomes entitled to a bar representing a gold medal, to award him, in addition to said bar, such token as it is customary to award in acknowledgment of the services of masters and crews of foreign vessels in rescuing American citizens from shipwreck.

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Approved, May 4, 1882.

August 29, 1933.

Thomas J. Steinhise, Keeper,
Seven-Foot Knoll Lightstation, Md.,
(Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses)

Dear Mr. Steinhise:

I have been very much impressed in reading a report relative to your action at 12:30 o'clock on the morning of August 21st in rescuing five men from the water when they went down with the tug boat, Point Breeze, in the vicinity of your station. I note that conditions were extremely hazardous and that when you set out in your launch to go to the men the seas were breaking over your boat and that the men were calling to you from all directions.

It gives me sincere pleasure to commend you in the warmest terms for your heroic action under these hazardous conditions, and to have the matter made a part of your official history.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL C. ROPER
Secretary of Commerce.

RG:MMS

Copy to Appointment Division.

Mailed AUG 31 1933 by

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

To dept

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 6 - 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. Fifth DISTRICT.

CHIEF CLERK JAN 6 PM 12 33

November 26, 1930

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on on abcut December 15, 1930.

Name, Thomas J. Steinhise — Position, Keeper

From Upper Cedar Point Light Station — To Seven Foot Knoll Light Station

Previous incumbent, Otho Bounds (Lt.#1241)

Services terminated, December 14, 1930 — Reason, Transferred to Love Point LH.

CARDED

L. M. Hopkins
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

December 26, 1930

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with December 16, 1930.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:
Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

11—4598

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CROSS REFERENCE

T. J. STEINHISE JAN. 2, 1931

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE TO $17.60 DEC. 16, 1930

SEE FILE OF OTHO BOUNDS

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. Fifth DISTRICT.

CHIEF CLERK 1930 DEC 3 AM 7

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEC 1 1930 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

November 26, 1930

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on on about December 15, 1930.

Name, Thomas J. Steinhise — Position, Keeper

From Upper Cedar Point Light Station — To Seven Foot Knoll Light Station

Previous incumbent, Otho Bounds -(LT.#1241)

Services terminated, December 14, 1930 — Reason, Transferred to Love Point LH.

CARDED

L. M. Hoskins
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NOV 29 1930

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

O. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CROSS REFERENCE

F. J. Steinkuse

Keeper - Promotion eff. - 1/3/29.

see file of Carlton E. Cook.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE DEPT.

C O P Y

5th Dist. Baltimore, Md.
Jan. 21, 1929.

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Excess Leave.

1. according to the records of this office, the following keepers and lightship officers have exceeded their total yearly leave allowance and appropriate recommendations are submitted as follows:

F. S. Barnes, Asst. Keeper, Lower Cedar Pt. L.H., Md. Amount of excess leave 2 days - 11 1/2 hours. Recommendation is made that two days pay be deducted and 11 1/2 hours charged against 1929 allowance.

J. L. CALLIS, Asst. Keeper, York Spit L.H., Va. Amount of excess leave 1 day - 15 hours. Recommendation is made that one days' pay be deducted and 15 hours charged against 1929 allowance.

R. A. Dixon, Mate, L. S. #80. Amount of excess leave 13 days - 8 1/2 hours. Recommendation is made that 13days' pay be deducted and 8 1/2 hours charged against 1929 allowance.

A. B. Hudgins, Asst. Keeper, Tue Marshes L. H., Va. Amount of excess leave 34 days - 16 1/2 hours. This office considers that Mr. Hudgins' case is deserving of leniency. During the latter part of October and the months of November and December Mr. Hudgins' wife was critically ill. During the month of December, substitute was hired at his own expense. It is recommended that no deduction be made for 30 days in December but that this period be charged against his 1929 allowance, and that 4 days be deducted from his salary, the 16 1/2 hours also to be charged against 1929 allowance.

T. J. Steinhise, Keeper, Upper Cedar Pt. L.H., Md. Amount of excess leave 4 days - 15 1/2 hours. It is recommended that 4 days pay be deducted and 15 1/2 hours charged against 1929 leave.

L. M. HOPKINS,
Acting Superintendent of Lighthouses.

APPROVED
E.W.L.
CHIEF CLERK
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SEE FILE OF MISC. K 1/25 for
ORIGINAL LETTER.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1928.

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1929, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty (by change of station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

DEC 22 1928

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1380 per annum.

To: $1560 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEC 19 1928 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT.

Baltimore, Md., December 1, 1928
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion To fill proposed vacancy.

Name, Thomas J. Steinhise

Position, Keeper

Location, Upper Cedar Point L.H., Md.

Effective, January 1, 1929

Legal residence, Maryland

Proposed salary, $1560. min. p.a.

Proposed range, $1560-1860

Appropriation, Sal. Kprs. of L.H.

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

Former position, (Asst.) Keeper

Location, Cobb Point Bar L.H., Md.

Former salary, $1380. p.a.

Former range, $1380-1680

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

Previous incumbent, Thomas H. Barnes 1560

Services terminated, December 31, 1928

Reason, Demoted to assistant keeper (Pending)

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, September 29, 1878

Remarks:

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN DEC 21 1928 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. D. King

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

12-19-28

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1928.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention in this connection is invited to the Superintendent's letter of December 1 attached to the nomination in the case of Thomas H. Barnes, submitted under today's date.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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November 17, 1928.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV 20 1928
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Thomas J. Steinhise, Assistant Keeper,
Cobb Point Bar Light Station, Md.,
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.)

1. The Bureau has read with interest a report of assistance rendered by you recently to the boat "Demo", which went aground near the light station with a number of passengers aboard, and is pleased to commend you for your timely assistance on this occasion, which will be noted as a part of your official record.

2. There is inclosed for your information copy of a letter of October 30, addressed to this office by Representative A. M. Free, regarding the matter.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by_____

Mailed_____ by_____

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

From: $1260

To: $1380

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 2 1928 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

August 16, 1927.

The Superintendent, 5th District, Lighthouse Service, Baltimore, Maryland, submits report for month of July of transfers, promotions, and demotions, giving effective date of change.

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	NATURE OF CHANGE	LETTER DATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Thos. J. STEINHISE	KEEPER	$1260 p.a.	73a	6-20-27	7-7-27

See letter dated August 1, 1927, in file of Lewis McD. Hopkins.

CROSS REFERENCE

Form 1378

LIGHTHOUSES
1927 JUL 23 AM 8 55

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

CHIEF CLERK
1927 JUL 25 PM 3 12

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. FIFTH DISTRICT.

Baltimore, Md., June 20, 1927

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL 28 1927
APPOINTMENT

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about July 1, 1927

Name, Thos. J. Steinhise — Position, Assistant Keeper

From Ragged Point L.H., Md. — To Cobb Point Bar L.H., Md.

Previous incumbent, Wm. A. Gibbs

Services terminated, June 30, 1927 — Reason, Transferred

Salary $1260. p.a.

CARDED

Superintendent of Lighthouses

July 22, , 1927

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with July 12, 1927

Superintendent of Lighthouses

11—4598

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

July 26, 1927.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

E. C. Guest

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1927 AUG 2 AM 9:05

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

July 30, 1927

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1927 AUG 3 PM 3 49

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 8 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Thos. J. Steinhise, effective date of transfer.

R2-9-4

1. The Bureau is please requested to change the effective date of transfer of Thos. J. Steinhise from Ragged Point L.H., Md. to Cobb Point Bar L.H., Md. from July 12 to July 7. This change is due to the fact that Mr. Steinhise's successor entered on duty July 7 and it was necessary to enter Steinhise on duty in his new position on the same date.

W. D. King

Superintendent of Lighthouses

8/3-27

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

AUG 2 - 1927

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

By direction of the Commissioner:

W P Karman

Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

June 24, 1927

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 27 AM 9 24

Subject: Form 73-A, Thomas J. Steinhise

1. In compliance with telephone request of June 24, there is attached hereto Form 73-A for Thomas J. Steinhise dated June 20, 1927, the original of which was probably lost in the mails.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

J. W. Hopkins.

Assistant Superintendent

Form 73a
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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

LIGHTHOUSES
1927 JUN 21 AM 9 08

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. FIFTH DISTRICT.

Baltimore, Md., June 20, 19 26

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about July 1, 1927

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 21 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Name, Thos. J. Steinhise 6-28 Position, Assistant Keeper

From Ragged Point L.H., Md. To Cobb Point Bar L.H., Md.

Previous incumbent, Wm. A. Gibbs

Services terminated, June 30, 1927 Reason, Transferred

CHIEF CLERK
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Salary $1260. p.a.

CARDED

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
JUN 21 1927

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting ~~Commissioner of Lighthouses~~
Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses

Form 73a

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. FIFTH DISTRICT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 27 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION
CHIEF CLERK
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1927 JUN 27 PM 2 4

Baltimore, Md., June 20, 1927

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee **will be** transferred as indicated, and **will enter** upon duty at his new station on **or about July 1, 1927**

Name, **Thomas J. Steinhise** Position, **Assistant Keeper**

From **Ragged Point L.H., Md.** To **Cobb Point Bar L.H., Md.**

Previous incumbent, **Wm. A. Gibbs**

Services terminated, **June 30, 1927** Reason, **Transferred**

LIGHTHOUSES
1927 JUN 27 AM 9 24

Salary $1260. p.a.

CARDED

COPY CERTIFIED CORRECT,

(Signed) H. D. KING

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Assistant Superintendent

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

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Incl.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

June 27, 1927.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to the attached letter of June 24, 1927 from the 5th Superintendent in the matter.

By direction of the Commissioner::

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses

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CHIEF CLERK

1927 APR 30 PM 3 20

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

LIGHTHOUSES

1927 APR 30 AM 8 54

Lighthouse Service,

April 29, 1927
(date)

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

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on May 31, ~~1926~~ 1927

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

Name Thomas J. Steinhise,

Position Assistant Keeper

Salary $1260. per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Ragged Point Light Station, Md.

Date of entrance on duty December 1, 1926

Remarks:

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

H. D. King
(Signature of immediate superior)
Superintendent of Lighthouses

SUBMITTED: April 30, 1927

H. D. King
(Head of Bureau or Office)
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

SUBMITTED: APR 30 1927

J. L. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Address all communications to
Supt. of Lighthouses,
Baltimore, Md.

Office of Superintendent, 5th Dist.
Baltimore, Md.

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April 6, 1927.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Transfers and promotions.

Below is report for month of MARCH of transfers, promotions and demotions made in this district which do not require oaths, including transfers made by Form 78a, with necessary data required by the Department in connection thereto.

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter date	Effec. date of change.
Thomas J. Steinhise	Keeper	$1260 p.a.	Promotion	2-24-27	3-16-27

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

W. L. Rebbel,
Chief Clerk.

See file of Anelius Andersen, letter of 4-6-27

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 24, 1927.

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1140 per annum to $1260 per annum, effective March 16, 1927, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

MAR 1 - 1927

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

11—8074 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAR 1 1927 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

PERSONAL HISTORY

IGHTHOUSES Bureau

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

1926 DEC 7 AM 9 07

Bureau, division, or office Light House Service

1. Name in full Thomas J. Steinhise

2. Legal (voting) residence 310 E Hamburg St 5th Baltimore Md
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Maryland Leonardtown St Marys When born? Sept 29 - 1878
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien No

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)	
Male √	Female	Single	Married √	Divorced	Widowed	White √	Colored

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
Light House service	asst Keeper	720	Jun	29	1919	Nov	15	1919

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None No	Army No	Navy No	Marine Corps No	Coast Guard No	War Veteran No	Pensioner No	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary No

Enlisted No Discharged No
Organization No

Enlisted No Discharged No
Organization No

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years) ~~6~~

Common school								High school				College				Degrees, if any
1	2	3	4	5	(6)	7	8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	None

9. State special qualifications asst Keeper

CARDED

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

Oda Steinhise (Name) Wife (Relationship)

310 E Hamburg St Baltimore Md
(Post office address)

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

Thomas J Steinhise
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Dec 1 - 1926 (Date) Present address 310 E Hamburg St Baltimore Md

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Form 73
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LIGHTHOUSES 1927 FEB 21 AM 9 35

CHIEF CLERK 1927 FEB 23 PM 3 49

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FEB 24 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, FIFTH DISTRICT,

Baltimore, Md., (City) February 19, (Date) 1927

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion & Trans

Name, Thos. J. Steinhise

Position, (Assistant) Keeper

Location, Ragged Point L.H., Md.

Effective, March 16, 1927

Legal residence, Maryland

Proposed salary, ~~$1260~~ $1860. p.a.

Proposed range, $1260.-$1620.

Appropriation, ~~Sal. Kprs. of L.H.~~ Sal.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FEB 24 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Former position, (Additional) keeper.

Location, Any station, 5th dist.

Former salary, $1140. p.a.

Former range, $1140.-$1500.

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

Previous incumbent, James S. Downs

Services terminated, March 15, 1927

Reason, Promoted to keeper, Ragged Point L.H., Md. Reduction

Members of family in Government service, Cousin - clerk in Treasury Dept.

Date of birth, September 29, 1878

Remarks:

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAR 1 - 1927 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 21 1927

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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Form 111

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 7 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
LIGHTHOUSES

1926 DEC 7 AM 9 06

I, Thomas J. Steinhise,

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.

☞ Thomas J. Steinhise
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 1st day of December, A. D. 192 6

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) W. L. Pabst

(Official title) Chief Clerk, 5th L. H. Dist

DEC 7 AM 10 27

My commission expires .....

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Add'l. Keeper	$1140. p.a.	any station, 5th Lighthouse Dist.
Former[5]		

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

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, Fifth District

Baltimore, Md., (Address) December 6, 1926 (Date)

CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 1, 1926 (Date)

W. D. Long
(Signature of Superintendent)

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT.

1926 NOV 23 PM 9 00 Baltimore, Md., (City) November 18, 1926 (Date), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
Thru Secretary, 4th Civil Service Dist.
Action recommended, Probationary Appointment

Name, Thomas J. Steinhise

Position, (Additional) keeper

Location, Any station, 5th L.H. Dist.

Effective, December 1, 1926

Legal residence, Maryland

Proposed salary, $1140. per annum

Proposed range, $1140.-$1500.

Appropriation, ~~Sal. Kprs. of L.H.~~ Such etc.

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

Former position, -----

Location, -----

Former salary, -----

Former range, ------

Rank on eligible list, Keeper Rating, 2 Percentage, 90.6 , Other eligibles considered:
(C) Curtis -90.6
(FR) Mann - 90.4

Previous incumbent, Wm. T. Midgett 1380 to Pamlico L.S. Services terminated, November 14, 1926

Reason, Transferred to position of 2nd Asst. Kpr., Pamlico Point L.H., N.C.

Members of family in Government service, Cousin, clerk in Bureau of Engraving

Date of birth, September 29, 1878

Remarks:

This recom. held from 24th for more information re "Dice"

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, NOV 22 1926 , 19

L. N. Frisbee
Secretary, 4th Civil Service District.

W. D. King
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NOV 23 1926

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form A-30

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1926.

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise,

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 Eleven Hundred and Forty dollars per annum

effective December 1, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Fourth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

DEC 2 1926

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Wm. T. Midgett.

Legal Residence: Maryland.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 2 1926 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

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Form 93

MEM

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Supt. 5th DISTRICT.

1919 OCT 20 PM 5 01

Baltimore, Md. October 17, 1919, 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

APPOINTMENTS

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

9 OCT 21 AM 9 24

Name, Thos. J. Steinhise Position, Keeper (Asst.) 720

Legal residence, Va. Station, Lower Cedar Point, Md.

Salary, 720. per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of November 15, 1919

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

Remarks: Suitable successor will be nominated as early as practicable. Attached is copy of Mr. Steinhise' resignation.

OCT 23 1919

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

10-21-19

King

Supt. of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

OCT 18 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 23, 1919.

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise,
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 November 15, 1919.

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service, 5th District.

Station..... Lower Cedar Point, Maryland.

Position..... Keeper.

Salary..... $720 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED OCT 24 1919 NEW JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

(C O P Y)

LIGHT
OCT 18 1919
HOUSES

Lower Cedar Point, Md.

October 14,1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

Under circumstances, I beg that you accept my resignation as I have a large family and can not meet my expenses on assistant keeper salary. Awaiting your instructions, and hoping you are well, I beg to remain a loyal servant of the U.S. Government.

(Sgd) THOS. J. STEINHISE, Asst. Keeper.

(Sgd) J. A. ARNOLD, Keeper.

Civil appt

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: Mr. John Richard Roe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. Thomas Jefferson Steinhice

2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (This should agree with signature to your oath of office.) Thomas J Steinhice

3. Bureau or Service, place, and district in which employed:

Asst Keeper (Bureau or Service.) Lower Cedar Pt (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 5th District (District.)

Lower Cedar Point Light Sta.

4. Position to which appointed From Appointment (With exam.)

5. Compensation $840

6. Appropriation from which paid

7. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination ——, 191—;" or "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

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

Smith Island (City or town.) Va (State or Territory.) Somerset Co (County.) First (Congressional district.)

9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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

11. Where were you born? Leonardtown Md

12. When were you born? September (Month.) 29 (Day.) 1878 (Year.)

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

married

14. What is your marital condition? married

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

Mrs Ada Steinhice (Name.) 109 E Ostend St (Number and street.)

Baltimore (City or town.) Maryland (State or Territory.)

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16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? .....

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Eugene Cullison	Del City	Position ~~Cle~~ U.S.E.D.	Uncle	Married
		Department or office		
G. M. Wible	Rhodes Pt	Position Keeper L.H.	Brother in law	Mar
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

No

18. 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				

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

No

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

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

21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

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

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) .....

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service .....

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

23. 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 18, 19, 20, and 21.)

Black Smith in summer
On Vessell in Winter

24. 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.)

5-th Grade

25. 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.")

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

Keeper Oct. 1918

27. 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

Date, Feb. 10-th, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Thomas J Steintrie

P. O. Address: Baltimore
City or town.
109 E Oatend St
Number and street.
Md
State or Territory.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 3, 1919, 191

(Signature) H. D. King

(Official title) Supt. of Lighthouses.

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Form 111

JUN 17 1919 8 22 AM

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES BALTIMORE, MD. JUN 10 1919

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS

1919 JUN 17 PM 2 15

LIGHT SUPT OF LIGHTHOUSES

I, Thomas J. Steinhise

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.

CHIEF CLERK

Thomas J Steinhise
(Appointee's signature)

1919 JUN 17 PM 1 55

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 9 day of June, A. D. 1919

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Anna L. Reviol

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires May 1st 1920

Official Title	Rate of Pay (base)	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$ 720. p.a.	Lower Cedar Point L.S., Md.
Former[5] --------	--------	----------

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

Supt. 1 A Supt. Chief Cl. 2 A Supt. 3 A Supt. 4 A Supt. Mech. 1 Drafts 2 Drafts Hydrog. Accounts Ordering Personnel Cost Kpg. File Clk. Stenog. Messenger

CARDED

Office of Lighthouse ~~Inspector~~ Supt., 5th District

Baltimore, Md. (Address), June 16, 1919 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 29, 1919 (Date)

H. D. King
(Signature, followed by title)

Supt. of Lighthouses

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

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

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

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

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

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

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U. S. REPORT ENTERED

Form 73

NOMINATION

MEM

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Supt.
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, Fifth DISTRICT,

Baltimore, Md. (City.) January 25, 1919 (Date.)

LIGHT 191 JAN 28 1919 HOUSES

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thro' Sec'y 4th Civil Service District)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment

JAN 28 1919 9 15 AM

Name, Thomas J. Steinhise — Legal residence, Maryland

Position, ~~Lower Cedar Point L.S., Md.~~ Keeper — Salary, $ 720. p.a.

Location, Lower Cedar Point L.S.,Md. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective January 27, 1919 — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

CHIEF CLERK

Former position, None — Former salary,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JAN 30 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1919 JAN 29 AM 8 55

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Kpr — Percentage, 89. , Other eligibles considered:
Alex. B. Curtis - C - 89.4
Archie C. Marshall - 84.8 - C

Previous incumbent, John H. Williams — Services terminated, Close of Jan. 15,19

Reason, Retired.

APPOINTMENTS

Members of family in Government Service, None

1919 JAN 29 AM 9 50

Remarks: Keeper has been alone at station since January 15 and it is considered desirable that nominee, above, report for duty at the earliest practicable date. He has been advised to report, pending receipt of his appointment.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, 1/27/, 1919

L. H. Fisher 4th — W. D. King

Secretary Civil Service District. — Supt. of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

1-29-19 Noted JAN 28 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1919 JAN 28 PM 3 21

Conway
Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1918.

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ------) issued by the Secretary of the Fourth Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Clifford Harding
Chief of Appointment Division.

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CANCELED

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Robert Bradshaw.

Legal Residence: Maryland.

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(See reverse side.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 12 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1918.

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 3 - 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ------) issued by the Secretary of the Fourth Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDEN

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Robert Bradshaw.

Legal Residence: Maryland.

(See reverse side.)

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT
JUL 27 1918
HOUSES

Supt. of Lighthouses
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, 5th DISTRICT,

Baltimore, Md., July 26, 1918., 191
(City.) (Date.)

CHIEF CLERK

1918 AUG 1 PM 3 20

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary Appointment.

Name, Thomas J. Steinhise

Legal residence, Maryland

Position, Assistant Keeper

Salary, $ 480. p.a. (base)

Location, Tangier Sound Light Station, Va.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers

Effective August 1, 1918.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Former position, None

Former salary,

1918 AUG 1 PM 3 54

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, ~~Keeper~~ Asst. Keeper Percentage, 89.0 , Other eligibles considered:
Williams, Thos. 87.2 -C
Hagelin, Robt.M. 87.2-C

Previous incumbent, Robert Bradshaw Services terminated, With the close of July 5, 1918.

Reason, Resigned on account of War Draft.

Members of family in Government Service, Brother-in-law - Chas. M. Wible - private in army.
Uncle - Master at Arms

Remarks:

As this position has been open since July 5 on account of shortage of eligibles, it is desired that it be filled by Aug. 1.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, 8/2/ , 1918

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In the absence and by direction of the Supt.

L H Fisher

F. P. Deeson

Secretary, 4th Civil Service District.

Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 31 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1918 AUG 1 PM 3 06

Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 27, 1919.

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(Signed) Chief of Appointment Division.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 28 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John H. Williams.

Legal Residence: Maryland.

(See reverse side.)

Fifth District.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

HOUSES OF CONGRESS
JUL 5 1918

August 1, 1918.

Mr. Thomas J. Steinhise,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ~~_____~~) issued by the ~~Secretary of the Fourth Civil Service District.~~

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

CANCELED

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Robert Bradshaw.

Legal Residence: Maryland.

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Thomas J. Steinhise,
cancel appointment.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK

August 8, 1918.

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Secretary of Commerce:

APPOINTMENTS

The Bureau recommends that the Department cancel its order of August 1, 1918, whereby Thomas J. Steinhise would have been given a probationary appointment as keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at $480 per annum, for assignment to duty at the Tangier Sound Light Station, Va., Department letter of August 1, 1918, addressed to Steinhise being inclosed for cancelation on its face.

1918 AUG 9 PM 3 30

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

This recommendation is made in pursuance of telegraphic request from the Fifth Superintendent.

8/12/18 ask

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 12 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1918 AUG 8 PM 3 59

Acting Commissioner.