Clarence Baker

Clarence Baker was hired in 1930 as a Temporary Firefighter, and later as a full fledged firefighter on May 27, 1933. He would rise to the rank of Battalion Chief and in the later stages of his career would oversee the apparatus maintenance of the civil defense corp established by the Fire Bureau during World War II. Follow along in his treasure trove of documents saved over the span of his career. His retirement was on February 18, 1963.

Clarence in 1933

FORM A-86

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
C. A. BIGELOW, COMMISSIONER

BUREAU OF FIRE

EDW. GRENFELL,
CHIEF ENGINEER

Apr. 18, 1930.

Clarence P.Baker,
8621 - 51st Ave.S.E.,
City.

If you are interested in temporary work in the Bureau of Fire during the vacation period, kindly appear at Engine 1, 4th & Taylor Streets at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 23rd,1930.

Yours very truly,
Edw Grenfell
EH.
CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

EG:EH

FORM C-20

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON
CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

NOTIFICATION OF RATING

EXAMINATION FOR

HOSEMAN--FIRE BUREAU

Clarence P. Baker: Portland, Oregon, MAR 13 1930

You are hereby notified that your general average percentage in the examination shown below was 100.00 per cent.

An applicant whose general average is less than 75 per cent shall be considered as having failed.

An applicant who withdraws from an examination after filling out identification sheet shall be considered as having failed.

An applicant who fails in any examination shall not be eligible to examination in the same class within six months from date of such failure.

An applicant whose general average is 75 or over, who is otherwise qualified, will be considered as having passed and his name will be placed on the eligible list as eligible for appointment to the position for which he was examined.

The period of eligibility of an applicant who passes this examination will be two years from the date of this letter, unless extended by action of the Board. At the expiration of this period, if the applicant has not received appointment, it may be necessary for him to again take the examination if he desires to remain on the eligible list.

Respectfully,

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD,

By W. E. Marion
Secretary.

Title of Position Hoseman--Fire Bureau

Date of Examination November 4, 1929.

FORM A-26

EDW. GRENFELL
CHIEF

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
R. E. RILEY, COMMISSIONER

BUREAU OF FIRE

January 14,1935.

C.P.Baker,
Truck Co.No.5,
45 N.E.Russell St.,
Portland,Oregon.

Dear Sir:

You received a grade of 89.30% on your probationery examination held at Truck 3,January 12,1935.

Yours very truly,

Jas. Dillane

BATTALION CHIEF DIST.NO.2

FORM C-25

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON
CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

NOTIFICATION OF RATING

EXAMINATION FOR

JUNIOR CAPTAIN - FIRE BUREAU

Clarence P. Baker: Portland, Oregon, DEC 31 1937

You are hereby notified that your general average percentage in the examination shown below was 82.15% per cent.

An applicant whose general average is less than 75 per cent shall be considered as having failed.

An applicant who withdraws from an examination after filling out identification sheet shall be considered as having failed.

An applicant who fails in any examination shall not be eligible to examination in the same class within six months from date of such failure.

An applicant whose general average is 75 or over, who is otherwise qualified, will be considered as having passed and his name will be placed on the eligible list as eligible for appointment to the position for which he was examined.

The period of eligibility of an applicant who passes this examination will be two years from the date of this letter, unless extended by action of the Board. At the expiration of this period, if the applicant has not received appointment, it may be necessary for him to again take the examination if he desires to remain on the eligible list.

All petitions or appeals for revision of ratings of successful participants in examinations must be filed with or made to the Board within sixty days from date of formal approval of examination results by the Board.

Respectfully,

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD,

By W. E. Marion
Secretary

Title of Position Junior Captain - Fire Bureau

Date of Examination November 23, 1937.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD OF PORTLAND, OREGON

103 City Hall

June 20, 1939

Mr. Clarence P. Baker

This is to advise you that the Civil Service Board, at its meeting of June 14, 1939, adopted a revision of the plan under which the positions in the Fire Bureau are classified. This revision provides that the title of the position which you occupy be changed from

Hoseman, Truckman, Driver to Fire Fighter

The order of the Board provides that written protests regarding the revised classification plan or the allocation of positions to classes may be filed at the office of the Board within sixty days of the date of approval, towit: August 14, 1939. Protests filed must include reasons for objection. The Board desires to rectify any errors that may have been made and is taking this means of giving each employee an opportunity to be heard.

Complete details of the revised plan may be secured at the office of the Board.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD
By W. E. Marion,
Secretary.

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION

LETTER OF ASSIGNMENT

DATE April 16, 1942

NAME Clarence P. Baker

ADDRESS _____

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Effective April 16, 1942, you are hereby assigned to the position of General Foreman, at Grade 5 at an annual salary of $2,300.00.

Your assignment is for Emergency work in connection with the Wartime Civilian Control Administration and is for such a period of time as your services may be required and funds are available therefor.

Under this assignment, you are not entitled to the leave benefits. Your salary is subject to the 3½% retirement deduction, which will be increased to 5% subsequent to July 1, 1942.

R. L. Nicholson

R. L. NICHOLSON
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Mechanical Workers Readied As Civil Defense Firemen

Sixty men from mechanical industries are being whipped into shape by civil defense authorities to provide a nucleus for a Portland auxiliary fire service maintenance corps.

Deputy Chief Clarence Baker who Tuesday night lectured the men on the maintenance of fire fighting equipment said the men would be invaluable in the event of a major disaster.

"If we should ever have to place all of our equipment in use there would be a tremendous problem in fuelling 1500-gallon-a-minute pumpers and giving them mechanical care," said Chief Baker. "These men already have mechanical knowledge and need only to be taught the elements of operating fire equipment."

Capt. James Riopelle, civil defense co-ordinator for the fire bureau, said the mechanics were all volunteers in the defense program. They all work as either truckers, mechanics or truck dispatchers.

Capt. Riopelle said the 60 men were signed up through the combined efforts of Lloyd Doughty, superintendent of the auxiliary, and John Franzwa, the auxiliary's chief.

The men have been undergoing monthly training courses but in November will be "graduated." Thereafter they will meet only quarterly for "refresher" courses.

Chief Baker said Tuesday night that Portland was fortunate in having the Willamette river which would be a "first line of defense" in the event of a disastrous fire. Lines could be laid from the river, he said, and fireboats could be used to pump water to any part of the downtown area.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

ROOM D 234 S.W. CLAY STREET • PORTLAND 1, OREGON

May 3, 1960

NOTICE OF CLASSIFICATION ACTION

TO: DEPARTMENT HEAD Commissioner Stanley Earl

BUREAU HEAD Chief H. E. Simpson

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR

EMPLOYEE Clarence Baker

POSITION

FORMER TITLE Fire Master Mechanic

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At its meeting of April 26, 1960 the Civil Service Board approved the classification of the above employee's position as Fire Apparatus Supervisor #6250 FAPPS effective April 26, 1960 and provided that the position be filled from the appropriate eligible list or by transfer of an eligible employee. This action was based on a study of all the information presented and a comparison of the position with other positions in the city service. A G-70, "Notice of Personnel Action" should be issued for each employee whose status will be changed by this action.

Very truly yours,

George R. McDonald

George R. McDonald
Secretary

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CC: Auditor
Budget Director
Employee Relations Supervisor
Machine Accounting

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