

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
(Naval Service)

C.N.S. 2417  
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APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

The Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA.

Esquimalt B.C.  
(Place)

March 8, 1937  
(Date)

MAR 20 1937  
62-21-46

M 5827

Sir:-  
I hereby make formal application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, under a seven years' continuous service engagement as a Boy (Insert rating chosen)

I certify that the following particulars are in my own handwriting and are true in every respect:

- Name (to be given in full in Block Letters) EDGAR ANTHONY COOKMAN
- Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian must be attached) Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 1920
- Place of Birth. Town Victoria, Province British Columbia
- Permanent Place of Residence. No. 812 Street Wollaston  
Town Esquimalt, Province B. C.
- Are you a British Subject? Yes
- How long have you resided in Canada? 16 years
- What is your Mother Tongue? English
- What other language do you speak? none
- Are you of the White Race? Yes
- Are you Single, Married or a Widower? Single
- How far advanced educationally are you? 1 year high-school  
(Certificates of School Authorities must be attached)

12. What practical experience have you had?  
(Details and certificates from employers, trade credentials, etc., must be attached to substantiate employment reported.)

- Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Air or Police Force? No
- If so, give details.....
- Have you ever served in such forces?.....
- If so, give dates and details.....
- Have you ever been discharged from His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit? No
- Have you ever offered to serve in His Majesty's Forces and been rejected? No

Why? .....

- Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence? No  
(Enclose two character references, one of which must confirm your answer to Question 19)
- What is your weight? 130 Height 5' 9" Chest Measurement (Not inflated) 33"
- Have you ever had fits? No
- Do you suffer from any deformity? No
- Have you suffered the loss of any fingers, toes, etc? No
- Do you suffer from any disease? No
- Do you wear glasses? No
- Are you subject to any disability which might cause your rejection? No

- Give details.....
- Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? Yes

John J. Cedams  
Signature of Witness

E. A. Cookman  
Signature of Applicant

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF CANDIDATES UNDER 21 YEARS OLD

I agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for transportation to a Naval Base of the above applicant, should he, on arrival at such Base, fail to enrol for seven years' continuous Naval service for reasons which in the opinion of the Department are within his own control. Signed and

Sealed at Esquimalt, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1937, in the presence of  
John J. Cedams Signature of Witness A. E. Cookman Signature of Parent or Guardian

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY CANDIDATES OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE

I agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for my transportation to a Naval Base, should I, on arrival at such Base, fail to enrol for seven years' continuous Naval service for reasons which in the opinion of the Department are within my own control.

Signed and Sealed at....., this.....day of....., 19..... in the presence of.....  
Signature of Witness Signature of Candidate

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT  
MAR 20 1937  
N.S. 62-21-46  
M 5828

# CONSENT PAPER

(This paper is required in all cases where the Candidate is under the age of 18 years, in addition to the Certificate of Birth or Declaration.)

\*Strike out "son" or "ward" as the case may be.

I hereby certify that my ~~son,\*~~ <sup>ward</sup> *Edgar Anthony Cookman* has my full consent (being himself willing) to enter the Naval Service of Canada for a period of seven years' continuous and general service, from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary until he attains that age, agreeably to the King's Regulations.

He has not been in a Reformatory, nor has he been sentenced to imprisonment.

I declare that he has never had fits.

† No alteration or erasure is to be made in the date of birth given.

The date of the boy's birth is *October 19<sup>th</sup> 1920*

His Religious persuasion is *Protestant*

Witness my hand at *Esquimalt, B.C.*

*8* day of *March* 193*7*

†† Strike out "Parent's" or "Guardian's" as the case may be.

†† ~~Parent's~~ <sup>Guardian's</sup> Signature in full *A. E. Cookman*

‡ Must be signed by the Father, if alive or satisfactory explanation made.

‡ ~~Parent's~~ <sup>Guardian's</sup> Address *812 Wollaston Street  
Esquimalt, B.C.*

In the case of a Guardian see other side.

I, the above named *Edgar Anthony Cookman* do consent to enter the Naval Service of Canada.

§ The Boy and Parent or Guardian must sign in the presence of the witness to their signatures.

§ Boy's signature in full *E. A. Cookman*

Signed by the said <sup>[Here write boy's name]</sup> *Edgar Anthony Cookman*

And <sup>[Here write Parent's or Guardian's name]</sup> *Alfred Ernest Cookman*

In the presence of *John J. Adams*  
Witness to signature of Boy, and Parent or Guardian.  
*821, Esquimalt Road B.C.* Address.

[OVER]

CERTIFICATE

§ Strike out "Parent" or "Guardian" as the case may be.

\*\* Strike out "he" or "she" according to sex of Parent or Guardian.

† The assertion of the boy himself should not be taken as sufficient warrant for this statement.

I certify that I am personally acquainted with this Boy's § Parent, and am † aware\*\* ~~she~~ <sup>he</sup> has consented to the Boy's entry as above, and I believe the particulars stated herein to be true.

.....Clergyman of the Parish.

or.....*John J. Adams*.....Resident Householder }  
.....*Laundryman*.....Occupation }

.....*721 Esquimaux Road, B.C.*.....Address.

.....*March - 15 -*.....193*7*.....

Particulars to be stated, if possible, in the case of a Boy whose Father is dead

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Date of Father's death.....

Place of death.....

Signed .....Mother.

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Particulars to be stated, if possible, in the case of a Boy whose Parents are both dead

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Date of Father's death.....

Place of death.....

Date of Mother's death.....

Place of Mother's death.....

Signed .....Guardian.

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 Duplicate prepared by H.M.C.S. Niobe

If a copy of this Form is required,  
 Form S. 1243 is to be used.

S. 459 (Revised August, 1939). Checked with N.S.H.Q.'s Records and file No. N.S. 62-C-335. 27 Aug. '41.

CERTIFICATE of the Service of

|                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| SURNAME<br>(In Block Letters) | CHRISTIAN NAME OR NAMES |
| COOKMAN,                      | Edgar, Anthony          |

in the Royal ~~Navy~~ CANADIAN NAVY

NOTE.—The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off where indicated if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Admiralty. If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

|                        |                           |   |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Port Division          | ESQUIMALT, B.C.           | Man's Signature on discharge to Pension                       |
| Official No.           | 3210                      |   |
| Date of Birth          | 19 October, 1920          | Nearest known Relative or Friend.<br>(To be noted in pencil). |
| Where born             | PROVINCE BRITISH COLUMBIA | Relationship: Mother  |
|                        | County or Town - Victoria | Name: AMIE  |
| Trade brought up to    | Student                   | Address: 812 Wollaston St.<br>Esquimalt, B.C.<br>16/9/40      |
| Religious Denomination | Church of England         |   |

| All Engagements, including Non-C.S.,<br>to be noted in these Columns. |                         |                           | Swimming Qualifications. |                |            |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Date of actually<br>volunteering                                      | Commencement<br>of time | Period volunteered<br>for | Date.                    | Qualification. | Signature. |
| 1.  | 19 Oct, 1938            | Seven years               | DATE PASSED              | SWIMMING TEST  |            |
| 2.  |                         |                           | 1. P.P.T. (FAIR)         | 26 Aug, 38.    |            |
| 3.  |                         |                           | 2. P.S.T. (FAIR)         | 13 Sep, 38.    |            |
| 4.  |                         |                           | 3.                       |                |            |
| 5.  |                         |                           | 4.                       |                |            |
| 6.  |                         |                           | 5.                       |                |            |
|   |                         |                           | 6.                       |                |            |

Medals, Clasps, &c., L.S. and G.C. Gratuity (see also Page 4).

| Date received or<br>forfeited | Nature of Decoration    | Date received or<br>forfeited | Nature of Decoration |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 21 Nov 43                     | Ribbon for 1939-43 Star |                               |                      |
|                               |                         |                               |                      |
|                               |                         |                               |                      |

| Description of Person  | Stature |       | Chest, In.     | Colour of     |      |            | Marks, Wounds, and Scars |
|--|---------|-------|----------------|---------------|------|------------|--------------------------|
|  | Feet    | In.   |                | Hair          | Eyes | Complexion |                          |
| On Entry as a Boy.....   | 6       | 0 1/2 | 34<br>32<br>33 | DARK<br>BROWN | Blue | Fresh      | Nil                      |
| On advancement to man's rating,<br>or on entry under 28 years.....                           |         |       |                |               |      |            |                          |
| On re-engagement or re-entry for<br>C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attain-<br>ing 28 years ..... |         |       |                |               |      |            |                          |
| Further description if<br>necessary .....  |         |       |                |               |      |            |                          |

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

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NAME COOKMAN,

(Surname)

Edgar Anthony

(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH 19th October, 1920PLACE OF BIRTH Victoria, B.C.OCCUPATION StudentRELIGION Church of EnglandEDUCATION 1 year High SchoolRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 812 Wollaston St.Town EsquimaltProvince, etc. B.C.

| Date (in figures) |       |      | Period      | DESCRIPTION        |          |      |            |                | PREVIOUS SERVICE |                |       |
|-------------------|-------|------|-------------|--------------------|----------|------|------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------|
| Day               | Month | Year |             | Height             | Hair     | Eyes | Complexion | Marks or Scars | Served in        | Rank or Rating | Dates |
|                   |       |      |             |                    |          |      |            |                |                  | From           | To    |
| 10                | 6     | 38   | As boy      | 6' $\frac{1}{2}$ " | D. Brown | Blue | Fresh      |                |                  |                |       |
| 19                | 10    | 38   | Seven years |                    |          |      |            |                |                  |                |       |

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) MotherNAME (in pencil) Mrs Amy CookmanADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 812 Wollaston St.Town EsquimaltProvince, etc. B.C.

| Date (in figures) |       |      | Particulars                 | Date (in figures) |       |      | Particulars                | Date (in figures) |       |      | Particulars |
|-------------------|-------|------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------|------|-------------|
| Day               | Month | Year |                             | Day               | Month | Year |                            | Day               | Month | Year |             |
| 21                | 11    | 43   | Awarded 1939-43 Star ribbon | 26                | 8     | 38   | P.P.T. (Fair)              |                   |       |      |             |
|                   |       |      |                             | 13                | 9     | 38   | P.S.T. (Fair)              |                   |       |      |             |
|                   |       |      |                             | 8                 | 11    | 38   | E.T. I                     |                   |       |      |             |
|                   |       |      |                             | 8                 | 12    | 38   | Qual. 1st Aid              |                   |       |      |             |
|                   |       |      |                             | 5                 | 1     | 42   | Passed Prof. for Ldg. Smn. |                   |       |      |             |
|                   |       |      |                             | 10                | 12    | 39   | "Tr"                       |                   |       |      |             |

| BADGES, G.C. OR G.S. |       |      |                              |                           | BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES |         |                   |       |      |                              |                  |
|----------------------|-------|------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------|-------------------|-------|------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Date (in figures)    |       |      | 1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S. | Granted Deprived Restored | SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT   | Wt. No. | Date (in figures) |       |      | BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE | PUNISHMENT       |
| Day                  | Month | Year |                              |                           |   |         | Day               | Month | Year |                              |                  |
| 19                   | 10    | 41   | 1st                          | Granted                   | Cobalt  | 7       | 18                | 8     | 42   | Absence from duty            | Disrated to A.B. |

| Date (in figures) |       |      | DAYS FORFEITED |       |       |          |          |                | O.H.F. received |
|-------------------|-------|------|----------------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------------|
| Day               | Month | Year | Prison         | Det'n | Cells | C. Power | W. Trial | In diff. Char. |                 |
|                   |       |      |                |       |       |          |          |                |                 |

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

FILM  
NO. WSK-4640-8  
DATE



PLB

3210

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

COOKMAN,

Edgar Anthony  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

3210

| Ship or Establishment | Rating           | From |       |      | Remarks                 | Character | Efficiency | Date |       |      | Non-Sub. Rating | Qualified |       |      | Re-Qualified |       |      |
|-----------------------|------------------|------|-------|------|-------------------------|-----------|------------|------|-------|------|-----------------|-----------|-------|------|--------------|-------|------|
|                       |                  | Day  | Month | Year |                         |           |            | Day  | Month | Year |                 | Day       | Month | Year | Day          | Month | Year |
| Naden                 | Boy Smn.         | 10   | 6     | 38   |                         | V.G.      | Sat.       | 18   | 10    | 38   | S.T.            | 31        | 5     | 40   |              |       |      |
| "                     | Ord. Smn.        | 19   | 10    | 38   |                         | V.G.      | Sat.       | 31   | 12    | 38   | L.T.O.          | 10        | 1     | 42   |              |       |      |
| Ottawa                | "                | 3    | 12    | 38   |                         | V.G.      | Sat.       | 31   | 12    | 39   |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| "                     | A.B.             | 20   | 12    | 39   |                         | V.G.      | Sat.       | 31   | 12    | 40   |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| Stadacona             | "                | 10   | 3     | 40   |                         | V.G.      | Sat.       | 31   | 12    | 41   |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| Ottawa                | "                | 1    | 6     | 40   |                         | Good      | Mod.       | 31   | 12    | 42   |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| Stadacona             | "                | 26   | 8     | 41   |                         | V.G.      | Sat.       | 31   | 12    | 43   |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| "                     | A/Ldg. Smn. (Ty) | 1    | 2     | 42   |                         | V.G.      | Sat.       | 29   | 4     | 44   |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| Cobalt                | "                | 17   | 2     | 42   |                         |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| "                     | Able Smn.        | 18   | 8     | 42   |                         |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| Stadacona             | "                | 21   | 8     | 42   |                         |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| Niobe                 | "                | 28   | 10    | 42   |                         |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| Athabasca             | "                | 7    | 2     | 43   |                         |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| "                     | A/Ldg. Smn. (Ty) | 16   | 2     | 43   |                         |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| DISCHARGED            | "                | 29   | 1     | 44   | Missing, Presumed Dead. |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross issued to  
Mother: Mrs. Amy Cookman, 812 Wol -  
laston St., Esquimalt, B.C. 31/1/45.

S.C. checked on discharge.

(Information compiled from records in Naval Service Headquarters)

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

### REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, Ottawa, Ont.

Name COOKMAN, Edgar Anthony  
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Leading Seaman Official No. 3210 Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Victoria, B.C. Date of Birth 19th October, 1920

Occupation in Civil Life Student Religion Church of England

Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N. (Temporary) or Reserve ratings) From 10th June, 1938 to 29th April, 1944

Date of Death 29th April, 1944 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Amy Cookman Relationship Mother  
Address 312 Wollaston St. ESQUIMALT, B.C.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship.....

Date on which death was registered with local Officials.....

In the case of Imperial Service men, whether Active Service, Pensioner or Reserve, date on which the prescribed return was rendered to the Registrar General in London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to Nationality.....

If applicable { Place of Burial No burial Date of Burial.....  
Location, Number, etc., of grave.....  
Undertaker employed.....

ENTERED IN D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK  
JAN 19 1945  
CLERK No. 1 G.P.

J.B. Money  
Commanding Officer E.M.C.

The SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Canada.

for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.  
Date 12th Jan., 1945

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register, Sec. C.P.C., Dir. of Records.

C.N.S. 1121  
10M-6-44 (774)  
N.S. 7570-S-1121

ENTERED IN D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK  
JAN 31 1945  
L.P.

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LA/ERM

R E G I S T E R E D

A I R M A I L

N.S. N-3210 PERS(N)

15 January, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Cookman:

Further to my letter of the 10th of October, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Edgar Anthony Cookman, Leading Seaman, Official Number 3210, Royal Canadian Navy, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", and as no news has since been received to the contrary, the Canadian Naval Authorities have now presumed his death to have occurred on the 29th of April, 1944.

May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Yours sincerely,

*L.H.*  
/

Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Amy Cookman,  
812 Wollaston St.,  
ESQUIMALT, B.C.

*[Handwritten initials]*

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

*[Handwritten initials]*  
Date 15/1/45  
Time 1800

D OF D 29-4-44

D.D.

P DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## AWARDS (NAVY) WAR SERVICE RECORDS

|                            |                 |          |                   |               |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|
| COOKMAN Edgar Anthony      |                 | N-3210   | Ldg. Smn.         | FILE No.      |
| SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS) | CHRISTIAN NAMES | REG. No. | RANK ON DISCHARGE | C.A.S.F. UNIT |

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

| CAMPAIGN MEDALS   | REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED |
|-------------------|---|
| 1939-45 Star,     | 9352                                    |
| Atlantic Star,    |   |
| C.V.S.M. & Clasp, |   |
| War Medal.        |   |
|                   |   |
|                   |   |
|                   |   |
|                   |   |

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

R.C.N. Nov. 45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Alfred E. Cookman - Father  
812 Wollaston St.,  
ADDRESS: Esquimalt, B.C.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP .....

REGN. NO. 373

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER Mrs. Amy Cookman

ADDRESS: 812 Wollaston St., Esquimalt, B.C.

(3)

31-1-45