

MENU

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This photo is of Cyril Brian Collie,
Stoker 2nd Class
No. 24146 QLD



This photo is of **Edgar Norman Hooper** of Wynnum, Queensland, Aged 20. Eldest son of Norman and Isabel Hooper. Brother to Bob, Jim and Pam.
Able Seaman



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... LEST WE FORGET.



Edgar Norman Hooper was born on 24 September 1921 to Norman and Isabel Hooper in Boonah, Queensland.

Edgar was the adored elder brother of Robert (Bob), James (Jim) and Pamela (Pam).

In Edgar's early years, the Hooper family moved around Queensland as his father Norman pursued various publican roles. The family eventually settled in Wynnum.

Edgar's interests included cricket, boxing and playing rugby league.

Prior to joining the Navy, Edgar worked at the "Telegraph" newspaper in Brisbane.

Able Seaman Edgar Norman HOOPER

Service No: B2735

On the 3rd September 1940, 18 year old Edgar Norman Hooper from the Brisbane suburb of Wynnum joined the RAN as an ordinary seaman.

Following initial training at HMAS Cerberus he was posted to Penguin on the 24th February 1941 to await the triumphant return to Australia of HMAS Sydney.

Edgar joined the Sydney on the 28th March 1941. He passed his seamanship and gunnery and was promoted to AB on the 3rd September 1941.

He wrote home regularly with news of his life at sea and of visiting places like Sumatra, Java, Singapore, Borneo as Sydney conducted mainly escort duties.

On the morning of 11th November 1941, Edgar was on Sydney when she sailed from Fremantle escorting the troopships Zealandia and Sumatra.

Eighth days later Sydney met her fate off the WA coast with the loss of 645 lives.

Almost 63 years later, the medals awarded to AB Hooper but sadly never collected were acquired by the Museum of HMAS Cerberus and were passed on to his family. This presentation of AB Hooper's three war service medals took place at HMAS Cerberus on 26 March 2004 by General Peter Cosgrove to Mick Hooper, Edgar's nephew (Bob's son).

Entered next of kin cards
 MG 20 forwarded

1921 TO 1925 INC.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL RESERVE.

RECORD OF MOBILIZED SERVICE.

Deferred Pay Card No. 32261
 PHOTOGRAPHED

NAME (in full) **HOOPER Edgar Norman**

Date of Birth **24k September 1902** Place of Birth **Barrak. Q.**

Next of Kin (relationship and address) **Mother**

OFFICIAL NUMBER **B. 2735**

Religion **Church of the Home Port or Port Division** **BRISBANE**

Entered in Ledger List No. **52782**

The above-named member has been mobilized for service by proclamation. He reported for duty on **3rd September 1940**

Rank or Rating **Ord. Sea**

Specialist Qualifications or Non-substantive Rating

Service to which allocated on Mobilization **BRISBANE.**

Date **3 Sept 40**

Seniority **3. 9. 40**

Signature and Rank of C.O.
James H. H. H.

The above-named member has been medically examined and is fit for service.

DESCRIPTION OF MEMBER.

Height	Build	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Mark, Wounds, and Scars
5 1/2	Brown	Green	Medium	None	None

Date **3 Sept 40**

Signature and Rank of Surgeon
Surgeon Lt. Commandant R. A. H. P.
 Date **3 Sept 40**

Signature of Member **X E. H. Hooper.**

EXAMINATIONS AND NOTATIONS SUBSEQUENT TO MOBILIZATION

Date	Particulars	Date	Particulars
24 Sept 40	Medical Examination at Barrak Barracks	1. S. Leave - Account No. 33111	
19-20-21-22	Medical Examination at Barrak Barracks	1. S. Leave - Account No. 33111	
26-7-41	Medical Examination at Barrak Barracks	1. S. Leave - Account No. 33111	

Paid £ 9 15 1/2 in lieu of 14 Days Accrued to H. S. Leave

WAR GRATUITY
 CLAIM NO. 33111
 AMOUNT £ 715.50

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (include dates)

Date	No. of Days	P., O., G.P., W.T., or D.	Date	No. of Days	P., O., G.P., W.T., or D.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES

Date	No. of Days	Granted, Deprived, or Restored	Date	No. of Days	Granted, Deprived, or Restored

Wounds received in Action, Hurt Certificate granted, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, etc.

Date	Particulars

Name of Ship or Depot.	Rank or Rating.	From.	To.	Character.	Efficiency.	Date Assessed.
<i>BRSBANK</i>	<i>Deck Sea</i>	<i>3 Sept 40</i>	<i>12 Aug 40</i>	<i>05</i>		<i>5-12-40</i>
<i>Cerberus</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>13-9-40</i>	<i>03-4-41</i>			
<i>Penguin (Kato)</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>04-4-41</i>	<i>27-3-41</i>			
<i>Sydney</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>28-3-41</i>	<i>2-9-41</i>			
	<i>A.B.</i>	<i>3-9-41</i>	<i>20-11-41</i>			
	<i>R.L.A.G.</i>					

SEA SERVICE whilst borne on books of a Depot. (To be written up from Victrolling Columns of Ledger).

Ship.

From.

To.

Remarks:

*Rate of proficiency 3 Sept 40 Deck Sea
 Rate A.B. 31/12/40 05
 Report Form. advised 8.12.41*

*Log for 9/12 returned undelivered date form &
 be made on running etc. 55/200/12220 21/40*



1939/45 Star

Six (6) months operational
service during period
3 Sep 39 to 2 Sep 45

War Medal 1939/45

Full-time duty personnel of the
armed forces for a total of not
less than 28 days service

Australia Service Medal

Full-time duty of not
less than 18 months