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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

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May 11, 1936

Superintendent of Lighthouses: Staten Island, N.

It is requested that the information indicated in the item checked below be furnished the Bureau promptly, with the return of the attached papers, if any.

NAME AND DESIGNATION Frederick A. Edgecomb, foreman

(1) Give date of entrance on duty, of transfer, or of resignation.
(2) Furnish personal history sheet.
(3) Furnish oath of office.
(4) Furnish civil service form 375 in triplicate.
(5) Submit form SS-66, showing last day served by temporary appointee.
(6) Furnish standard form 13 in quadruplicate (abstract of official record).
(7) Furnish documentary evidence of date of birth as prescribed in civil service form 2473, attached.
(8) Submit inclosed nominations through the District Civil Service Secretary.
XXX(9) Furnish one copy certified form 2806.
(10) Miscellaneous.

It appears that Superintendent Edgecomb was employed as a foreman in your district at $135 per month in 1911, and it is requested that a form 2806 be furnished for this service.

For the Commissioner:
R.J.Gross
Chief of Personnel Division.

District Third Date May 14, 1936

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Herewith, one (1) certified copy form 2806 requested, containing all information available.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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F A Edgecomb

Oct. 17,1912

Respectfully returned to Commissioner.
When Mr.F.A.Edgecomb was employed by this office, he was selected from a register of eligibles established by the local board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
WASHINGTON

October 11, 1912.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Transmitted herewith, for the Bureau's information, is copy of letter dated the 10th instant from the Civil Service Commission, requesting further information in the case of Mr. F. A. Edgecomb, in connection with his proposed transfer from the Engineer Department at large to the position of assistant superintendent in the Lighthouse Service at Honolulu, T. H.

It appears that Mr. Edgecomb was employed as foreman at $135 per month on September 18, 1911, by the Inspector of the Third Lighthouse District, under the regulations for the field construction force of the Lighthouse Service and that he was later transferred to the Nineteenth District under the same designation and at the same rate of pay. In this connection the Department will be pleased to be advised of the manner in which Mr. Edgecomb was employed by the Third Inspector, i.e., whether he was selected from a register of eligibles established by the local board or whether he was employed outside the register.

By direction of the Secretary:

(Signed) P. M. Pindell Jr.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
Oct. 14, 1912.

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.
for report and return.

Conway,
Acting Commissioner.

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UNITED STATES
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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October 10, 1912.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Commission has the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's request of October 7th for approval of the transfer of F. A. Edgecomb, from the position of Junior Engineer, Engineer Department at Large, War Department, to the position of assistant superintendent, Lighthouse Service, Honolulu, T. H.

The records of the Commission show that Mr. Edgecomb was appointed inspector at $3 per diem through examination e in the Engineer Department at Large, New London, Conn., on March 8, 1909, and was promoted to junior engineer at $165 a month on July 3, 1911, upon showing that he was a graduate from the Brown University engineering course. He was furloughed without pay on September 17, 1911.

In the Department's request quotation is made from a statement of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses to the effect that Mr. Edgecomb is at present employed as foreman under the nineteenth inspector, who states that he is a graduated civil engineer, that he is attentive, progressive, a good draftsman and office man, and that his work has been very satisfactory. The Commission appears to have no record of his employment and requests full information in regard thereto. Final action in the case will be held in abeyance.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,
(Signed) John A. McIlhenny
acting president.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N. Y. Dec.8,1911.

2nd. *Indorsement*

SUBJECT

Frederick A. Edgecomb.

1. Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

2. Mr. Edgecomb entered on duty at this depot on September 18, 1911, as foreman, with pay at the rate of $135 per month, and was paid salary by this office from September 18 to October 31, 1911, inclusive, at the end of which period he left this district for Honolulu, T.H., in obedience to orders received from the Bureau.

3. Copy of this endorsement is forwarded to the Inspector of the 19th Dist. for his information.

C. D. STEARNS,

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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Department of Commerce & Labor

Lighthouse Establishment

Frederick A.
Edgecomb.

Office of Inspector, 19th Dist.,

Honolulu, Hawaii,

November 22, 1911.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

1. Mr. Frederick A. Edgecomb reported to me on November 10th, pursuant to an order from the Inspector of the 3rd district. There is nothing in this order showing his rate of pay or up to what time he has been paid.

2. I request to be advised as to these points.

Very respectfully.

LEO LAHM

Lieutenant, U.S.N.,
Inspector, 19th L.H.Dist.

Department of Commerce & Labor,
Bureau of Lighthouses,
Washington.

Dec. 5, 1911.

Respectfully referred to the
Inspector 3d Lighthouse District
for remark and return.

A. CONOVER,
Acting Commissioner.

CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT Personnel Number 75

Letter from Commander U.S.N. Inspector

Date Sept 19th - 29th Oct 20th 1911

Subject Travel Orders issued to H. A. Edgecomb Foreman General Light House Depot

Original filed under

Unit Travel Orders (Individual) Number 531

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S.H. Travel Order No.

Department of Commerce and Labor
Lighthouse Service

Office of the Lighthouse Inspector 3rd District,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. October 20, 1911.

Frederick A. Edgecomb, Foreman
(Name and Title.)

General Lighthouse Depot, Tompkinsville, N.Y.
(Post-office address.)

You are hereby authorized to travel, as indicated below, by the most direct or usually traveled route, the expense of such travel to be paid from the appropriation "General Expenses, Light-House Service 1912," there being sufficient balance in excess of liability already incurred for the payment of the expenses involved.

In the performance of this duty you are authorized to pay traveling expenses of helpers.

From the General Lighthouse Depot, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

To Honolulu, T. H.

For the purpose of reporting in person to the Inspector of the 19th District for duty in the public service of the District.

This travel to begin ~~on~~ or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Commander, U.S.N., Inspector.

Bureau's authority October 19, 1911/

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S.H. Travel Order No.

Department of Commerce and Labor
Lighthouse Service

Office of the Lighthouse Inspector 3rd District,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. October 20 , 1911.

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(Name and Title.)

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(Post-office address.)

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This travel to begin ~~on~~ ~~or~~ as soon ~~thereafter~~ as practicable.

Commander, U. S. N., Inspector.

Bureau's authority October 19, 1911/

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. OCT 20 1911 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

Mr. Frederick A. Edgecomb
Travel order.

October 19, 1911.

Order written 10/20/11 FR

The Lighthouse Inspector,

Tompkinsville, New York.

Sir:

The Bureau requests you to direct Mr. Frederick A. Edgecomb, now employed in your district, to proceed to Honolulu, T. H., and report in person to the Inspector of the Nineteenth Lighthouse District for duty in the public service of that district.

Respectfully,

attach to communication from Inspr 19th

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Acting Commissioner.

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October 18,1911.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

1. Referring to Bureau's letters September 5, 1911, and October 4, 1911, re: employment of Frederick A. Edgecomb as Foreman in the 19th Lighthouse District:;

2. Mr. Edgecomb reported at this depot for duty on September 18, and has since been employed on different branches of construction, repair and shop work, wherever the services of a foreman were required. He has been found to be capable, willing and dilligent in the performance of his duties. The greater part of his experience, prior to his entering on duty in the Lighthouse Service, has been on reinforced concrete work, at which he is very adept.

3. Mr. Edgecomb has not had a great deal of experience in office work, other than drafting, but is capable of performing all the duties of the position.

4. Mr. Edgecomb is considered competent to perform the duties of the position of foreman in the Lighthouse Service, and his appointment as such, for service in the 19th District, is respectfully recommended.

Respectfully,

Superintendent, L.H.S.,

Inspector 19th Dist of Lights

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Department of Commerce and Labor

October 18, 1911.

The Lighthouse Inspector. Third District.
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Sir,

In compliance with orders, I proceeded from time to time, between the dates of September 26, 1911 and Oct. 6, 1911, to West Bank Lighthouse, to investigate the method of placing bands and straps around the lighthouse base to cover cracks between high and low water marks, and to superintend the location and drilling of holes for the purpose of filling the voids in the concrete base.

I have the honor to report that the method of procedure was as follows: Iron plates 3/8" x 3'-0". of variable lengths, were securely fastened by 1 7/8" machine bolts spaced 18" on centers, one row 6" below top edge of plate and another row 6 inches above the bottom of the plate. A sufficient number of plates were attached to cover the entire circumference of the iron cylinder which forms the base of the lighthouse.

For additional strength, three rows of 1½" circular straps were placed around the base of the light-house directly upon the above mentioned plates and tightly set up by means of special lock nuts.

Furthermore, I have the honor to report that I located several holes, to be drilled in the exterior surface of the iron cylinder directly above the plates previously attached, where it was evident that voids in the concrete core occurred, to admit of the filling of the aforesaid voids with a cement grout. (These holes to be tapped and iron plugs inserted after grout has been poured.)

I also located four holes in the engine room floor, which is the top surface of the concrete core of the base of the lighthouse, so that additional voids in the concrete.

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might be filled from these points.

During the eight day I was at West Bank Light-house 5 sections of iron plates were placed and fastened and approximately 62 holes were drilled in iron base of lighthouse for purpose of fastening plates.

Also, three 2" holes were drilled in concrete base for an approximate total depth of 8'-0".

The Tender Pansy furnished the compressed air for drilling. Mr. Jones, the mechanic on the job, was assisted by the crew of the Pansy.

Respectfully.

Frederick Albert Edgcomb.
Temp. Foreman.

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October 18,1911.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

1. Referring to Bureau's letters September 5, 1911, and October 4, 1911, re: employment of Frederick A. Edgecomb as Foreman in the 19th Lighthouse District:;

2. Mr. Edgecomb reported at this depot for duty on September 18, and has since been employed on different branches of construction, repair and shop work, wherever the services of a foreman were required. He has been found to be capable, willing and dilligent in the performance of his duties. The greater part of his experience, prior to his entering on duty in the Lighthouse Service, has been on reinforced concrete work, at which he is very adept.

3. Mr. Edgecomb has not had a great deal of experience in office work, other than drafting, but is capable of performing all the duties of the position.

4. Mr. Edgecomb is considered competent to perform the duties of the position of foreman in the Lighthouse Service, and his appointment as such, for service in the 19th District, is respectfully recommended.

Respectfully,

Superintendent, L.H.S.,

See Edgecomb F. A.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. OCT 6 1911 H B 1617

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

Washington

Frederick A. Edgecomb,
employment

OCTOBER 4, 1911.

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The Lighthouse Inspector,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Sir: ✓

Referring to your letter of the 2d instant in re employment of Frederick A. Edgecomb as foreman.

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The Bureau states that your action in employing Mr. Edgecomb is approved. With reference to the report you are to make in his case it is requested that the report include a statement as to his ability both as a field and office man.

Respectfully,

G. R. Putnam

Commissioner.

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October 2, 1911.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

1. Referring to the Bureau's letter September 5, 1911, re: employment of Frederick A. Edgecomb as foreman:

2. Mr. Edgecomb reported at this depot September 18, 1911, was examined, obtaining percentage of 86.0, and has been given contract of employment, rate of pay being $135 per month.

3. Report as to Mr. Edgecomb's qualifications will be forwarded to the Bureau after he has been employed at this depot for about a month.

Respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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Form 205 **CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT IN REGISTERED POSITION**

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

October 2, 1911.

Employment has been given to Frederick A. Edgecomb

as Foreman, in connection with work

in the Third Lighthouse District, at the rate of $135.00 per ~~day~~ month, ~~while actually employed~~, beginning September 18, 1911, under regulations approved by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, dated May 10, 1911. This contract of employment supersedes all previous certificates of appointment.

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Commander, U.S. N., Inspector.

I accept the above conditions and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Lighthouse Service.

Frederick A. Edgecomb

INSTRUCTIONS.—To be prepared in duplicate, one copy to be handed to employee and the other kept on file in the District Office.

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October 2, 1911.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

1. Referring to the Bureau's letter September 5, 1911, re: employment of Frederick A. Edgecomb as foreman:

2. Mr. Edgecomb reported at this depot September 18, 1911, was examined, obtaining percentage of 86.0, and has been given contract of employment, rate of pay being $135 per month.

3. Report as to Mr. Edgecomb's qualifications will be forwarded to the Bureau after he has been employed at this depot for about a month.

Respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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Form 31 TRAVEL ORDER No.

S.H.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. September 29, 1911.

F. A. Edgecomb, Foreman
(Name and title.)

General Lighthouse Depot, Tompkinsville, N.Y.
(Post-office address.)

You are hereby authorized to travel, as indicated below, by the most direct or usually traveled route, the expense of such travel to be paid from the appropriation "General Expenses Lighthouse Service, 1912," there being sufficient balance therein in excess of liability already incurred for the payment of the expenses involved.

In the performance of this duty you are authorized to pay traveling expenses of helpers.

From General Lighthouse Depot, Tompkinsville, N.Y.

To 34th St. North River to measure scow, and to Romer Shoal Light Station, and return to this depot. from time to time.

For the purpose of superintending the placing of rip rap.

This travel to begin on September 29th, 1911 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

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Commander, U.S.N
Inspector

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Form 31 TRAVEL ORDER No.

S.H.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. September 19, 1911.

T. A. Edgecomb, Foreman,
(Name and title.)

General Lighthouse Depot, Tompkinsville, N.Y.
(Post-office address.)

You are hereby authorized to travel, as indicated below, by the most direct or usually traveled route, the expense of such travel to be paid from the appropriation "General Expenses Lighthouse Service, 1912. ," there being sufficient balance therein in excess of liability already incurred for the payment of the expenses involved.

In the performance of this duty you are authorized to pay traveling expenses of helpers.

From General Lighthouse Depot, Tompkinsville, N.Y.

To North Brother Island Light Station, from time to time as is necessary.

For the purpose of Superintending the placing of rip rap.

This travel to begin on September 19, 1911 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

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Commander, U.S.N.
Inspector.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

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ONE inclosure
Frederick A. Edgecomb,
employment as foreman

SEPTEMBER 5, 1911.

File
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The Lighthouse Inspector,

Tompkinsville, New York.

Sir:

Referring to the inclosed copy of the Bureau's letter of this date to Mr. Frederick A. Edgecomb, with reference to the position of foreman under direction of the Nineteenth Inspector.

The Bureau requests that when Mr. Edgecomb reports for duty, you have him assigned to such work in your district as requires the services of a foreman, and keep him employed in that capacity for about a month, at the end of which time it is requested that you state whether or not, in your opinion, he is qualified for the position which he seeks. If your report is satisfactory the Bureau will order him to proceed to Honolulu.

He should be given the usual examination, and a contract of employment should be tendered him in case he attains such an average as would warrant his selection. The Bureau has received replies from eight Inspectors stating they have no one to recommend for this position.

Respectfully,

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Acting Commissioner.

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Employment as foreman
in the Lighthouse Service. SEPTEMBER 5, 1911.

Mr. Frederick A. Edgecomb,

Groton, Conn.

Sir:

Referring again to your letter of the 26th ultimo in re your application for the position of foreman in the 19th Lighthouse District, at $125 per month,

The Bureau requests you to report, at your own expense, to the Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y., under whose direction you will be employed for about a month at the General Lighthouse Depot at that place. If the Inspector finds that you are competent to fill the position you will be ordered to proceed to Honolulu, T. H., and report to the Lighthouse Inspector there for permanent duty. Your actual and necessary traveling expenses from Tompkinsville to Honolulu will be reimbursed to you upon the presentation of the proper vouchers.

While at Tompkinsville you will be required to file a formal application for this position, which will be rated and your name placed on the eligible register, from which you will be immediately selected, if you are within reach of certification, in accordance with the civil service rules. Please advise this office when you can start for Tompkinsville.

Respectfully,

A. V. CONOVER, Acting Commissioner.

SUBJECT :

ENGINEER OFFICE, UNITED STATES ARMY,
NEW LONDON, CONN.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
SEP 13 1911
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Sept. 11, 1911.

Mr. A. Conover, Acting Commissioner,

Sir.

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, requesting me to report to the Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N.Y. for instructions relative to the position of foreman in the 19th Lighthouse District, would state that I will report, as directed, on Monday, September 18. 1911.

The contents of your letter have been carefully noted and I will govern myself accordingly.

Very respectfully.

Frederick Albert Edgecomb.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington.
SEP 18 1911
Respectfully referred to the Inspector of the 3d Light-House District for the files of his office.
By direction of the Commissioner
[illegible] of his office.

J. C. Rose
Acting Chief Clerk.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE
SEP 19 1911
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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