

Name: Cooper, Wilfred James

Rank: Temporary 2nd Lt

Wilfred James Cooper was a dentistry student at the University of Toronto when he attested in the Canadian Army Dental Corps at Toronto Ontario 8 Feb 1917. He had previously served with the Canadian Officers Training Corps (cadet) at U of T. He passed his medical for training as a pilot and on the 27 Sept 1917 and was attached to the Royal Flying Corps Cadet wing at Sutcliffe England. He was promoted a Flying officer 6 Dec 1917 and was attached to the 199th Squadron for instruction on night flying on the 28 March 1918. He died on the 5th of November 1918 when he received fatal injuries as "his machine crashed and took fire". He is buried at Roisel near Peronne France. He is also remembered in the Soldier's Tower at the University of Toronto.

SERVICE RECORD

<i>Date</i>	<i>Particulars</i>
13 May 1898	Born Strathroy Ontario
8 Feb 1917	Attested Toronto Ontario Canadian Army Dental Corps Pte, 570, Next of Kin Mrs J. C. Haddock (sister) 221 Williams Apts Regina Sask. Student, previous military experience with Canadian Officers Training Corps COTC, 5' 6 ¾ ", 128 ¾ lbs, Dark complexion, dark grey eyes, brown hair, Methodist, mother Mrs Minnie Florence Cooper, Strathroy Ontario Canada
28 Mar 1917	Will made out leaving estate to Mrs J C Haddock and Miss Lillian Cooper
3 May 1917	Embarked Halifax for England
14 May 1917	Arrived England on SS Justicia
14 May 1917	TOS Canadian Army Dental Corps CADC, Folkstone
2 Jun 1917	SOS to CADC Purbright
4 Jun 1917	Attached for duty etc P??
9 Sept 1917	Medical board – fit as a pilot
26 Sept 1917	Proceeding to RFC Cadet wing
26 Sept 1917	TOS General Depot Sutcliffe from CADC
27 Sept 1917	Attached to RFC Cadet Wing for pay, rations and accommodations Hastings(?)
21 Oct 1917	Proceed to School of Military Aeronautics
5 Dec 1917	SOS Corum? Royal Flying Corps
5 Dec 1917	SOS General Depot to be Commissioned in Imperial Army Royal Flying Corps
6 Dec 1917	Commissioned in the RFC London Gazette 13 Dec 1917, 13032,
11 Mar 1918	To 6 TDS for appointment as a Flying Officer, promotion confirmed temporary 2 nd Ltn
28 Mar 1918	To 199 th Squadron for instruction in night flying
5 Nov 1918	Died when " his machine crashed and took fire from which he received fatal injuries" Buried at Roisel near Peronne France.

card
8-1-18

Duplicate

C.A.D.C.

ATTESTATION PAPER.

C.A.D.C., M.D. 2

No. 570.

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS.)

1. What is your surname?..... Cooper
- 1a. What are your Christian names?..... Wilfred James
- 1b. What is your present address?..... Strathroy, Ont.
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born?..... Strathroy, Ont. Canada
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin?..... ~~Wilfred Cooper~~ Mr. J. Haddock
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin?..... ~~Strathroy, Ont. Canada~~ Regina, Sask.
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin?..... Mother (Deceased)
5. What is the date of your birth?..... May 13th, 1898.
6. What is your Trade or Calling?..... Student
7. Are you married?..... No.
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?..... Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia?..... No.
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?..... C.O.T.C.
If so, state particulars of former Service.
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement?..... Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the }
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? } ..Yes.

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Wilfred James Cooper, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date Feb 8th 1917 W. J. Cooper (Signature of Recruit)
Geo Smith (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Wilfred James Cooper, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date Feb 8th 1917 W. J. Cooper (Signature of Recruit)
Geo Smith (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath

before me, at Toronto this Eighth day of Feb. 1917.
Wm. Smith (Signature of Justice)

Description of Cooper, Wilfred James on Enlistment.

<p>Apparent Age <u>19</u> years <u>7</u> months. <small>(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)</small></p> <p>Height <u>5</u> ft. <u>6 3/4</u> ins.</p> <p>Chest measure { Girth when fully expanded <u>34 1/2</u> ins. Range of expansion <u>2 1/2</u> ins.</p> <p>Complexion <u>Dark</u></p> <p>Eyes <u>Dark Grey</u></p> <p>Hair <u>Brown</u></p> <p>Religious denominations { Church of England Presbyterian <u>Yes</u> Methodist Baptist or Congregationalist Roman Catholic Jewish Other denominations <small>(Denomination to be stated.)</small></p>	<p>Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.</p> <p><small>(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)</small></p> <p><u>Scar right knee cap</u> <u>Mole back of neck</u></p>
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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date February 7th 1917 W. H. D. Sheard

Place Dorridge Capt

Medical Officer.

*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Wilfred James Cooper having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

W. H. Thompson Major (Signature of Officer)

Date March 8th 1917 **C. A. D. C., M. D. 2**

Pro time
advised 20.1.20
Number

570

Rank

A/Sgt

Surname

COOPER

Christian Name

Wilfred James

Units

C.A.D.C.

Theatre of War

England

Date of Service

S.O.S. Comm. R.F.C.

5.12.17

Remarks

Gen Dpo Ft 500 + 8

49.1.18

Latest Address

Air-Force Roll #1 page 58
H.M. 252361/20/59 of 10.7.20

Roll No.

Spec Air Force Roll #1.

200m.-6-21.M.

SURNAME. *Cooper*

CARD NO.

CHRISTIAN NAMES

Wilfred James

REGL. NO. *570*

RANK

Pte

UNIT

C.A.H.C.

FORMER CORPS

C.O.I.C.

*SOS. Dis 5-12-17 Imp Comm
16-25-15 8-16-18*

NEXT OF KIN.

NAMES IN FULL

Haddock, Mrs. J. C.

RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER

Sister

ADDRESS

22. William Apts

Regina Sask

saap-7-1-18

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

Canada Strathroy Ont.

DATE

May 13th 1898

PLACE OF ATTESTATION

Toronto Ont

DATE

Feb. 8th 1917

(9) Is your Father alive? No.

If so, state name and address

(10) Is your Mother alive? Yes.

If so, state name and address

Mrs. Mammie Florence Cooper
Strathroy, Ontario, Canada.

(11) If your Mother is a widow Yes.

Are you her sole support, or not?

(12) If sole support of widowed mother, state what amount you have given her per month prior to your enlistment, also reason she has no other support than yourself.

(13) If you have no wife, father, mother or children, state the name and relationship with full postal address of your next of kin, to whom you would desire any communication to be sent concerning you.

Rank *J.P.* Name *COOPER, Wilfred James* Reg'l No. *570.*
 Unit *6th Dft. C.A.D.C.* If in perm. Corps *What Unit?* Married or Single *Single.*
 Place and Date of Enlistment *Toronto 8th Feb. 1917.* Place of Birth *Stratford, Ont.*
 Name and Address, Next-of-Kin *Mrs. J. J. Haddock.*
90/o Sask. Co. Operative Co. Regina, Sask. Relationship *Sister.*
 Assigned Pay Monthly \$ Payable to Relationship
 Separation Allowance \$ Payable to Relationship

N/E R.B. No. *1055*
 F/Hs R.L. 22-6-349
 Category *Eng. 228*
1000 P. 100000

Discharge, Date and Place Reason Character

Report.		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place.	Date.	REMARKS Taken from Official Documents.
Date.	From whom received.				
		ARRIVED IN ENGLAND 14 5 17. S/S. JUSTICIA.			
21-5-14	B.A.D.C	Taken on strength	W. J. Haddock	14-5-14	Pt II Do 122
2-6-17	"	Sask C.A.D.C. Purbright.	"	2-6-17	Asst. Pt II Do 132 London
27-9-17	R.F.C. Cadet Wing	attached from C.A.D.C. for pay, ration, & accommodation	Cadet. Hing	27-9-17	Pt II 117
4-6-14	C.O.N.C. Res.	att for duty etc	Purbright	4-6-14	" 131
26-9-14	✓	leave attach having pro # 2 cadet wing R. F. C. 16 acting	✓	26-9-14	" 228
2-10-17	Gen Depot	20.5 from C.A.D.C.	W. J. Haddock	2-10-17	Pt II Do 176
22-10-17	2 R.F.C. Cadet wing	Procto Sch of Mid Aero	Col. Oxford	22-10-17	- 138

Report.		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case,	Place.	Date.	REMARKS Taken from Official Documents
Date.	From whom received.				
9.1.18	Gus Depot Discharged in British Isles. " " Leaves on com to R.F.C. d SOS of General Depot - Schiffe. Discharged in B. Isles. Burying up to Com in Leap Army (R.F.C.)			5.12.17	Norm Roll 5.1.18 Para 392 Sec XXV Auth London Gazette 17 13.12.17 P.I.E. 150 8 Auth: No 2 CO Norm Roll Dated 5-1-18.

C.A.D.C., M.D. 2

Fill in Only.—Unit, Number, Rank and Name.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

M. F. W. 54. (A. F. R. 103.)
250M—1-10.
H. Q. 1772-30-000.Unit, Regiment or Corps C.A.D.C.Regimental No. 540 Rank Sergt. Name Cooper, Wilfred James
C. E. F.Enlisted (a) 8/2/14 Terms of Service (a) Duration of War Service reckons from (a) 8-2-14Date of promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }
present rank. } to lance rank } roll of N. C. Os. }Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) Student

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		<u>Embarked</u>	<u>Halifax</u>	<u>8.5.17</u>	<u>4/m. J. - 7628.</u>
		<u>Disembarked</u>	<u>Liverpool</u>	<u>14.5.17</u>	
21-5-17	A.D.D.S.	T.O.S. CADC Shorncliffe Area and attached to Segregation Camp, Otterpool.	Shorncliffe	14-5-17	Pt. II. D.O. No. 122
1.6.17	ADDS	Sos. CADC Shorncliffe, Area on posting to CADC, Pirbright, Surrey.	Shorncliffe	2.6.17	Pt. II DO No 132.
5-6-17	D.D.S.	T.O.S. CADC London Area and posted to Pirbright for Dental Services.	London Area	2-6-17	DDS. Pt. II/O. No. 156. 5-6-17
28-9-17	D.A.D.	D.O.S. CADC London Area to General School Shorncliffe.	London Area	26-9-17	DDS Pt. II/O. No. 261. 28. 9. 17/17. <u>R. Smith D. Col</u>

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) e.g. Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

(P.T.O.)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B 213, Army Form A. 38, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 38, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				

2.10.17	Gen Depot	T.O.L. Gen Depot	Scrubbe	26.7.17	P.O. 176. 2.10.17
2.10.17	" "	Comd R. & L. Hacking	"	26.7.17	P.O. 176. 2.10.17
9.1.18	" "	Gen Depot and R. & L. Hacking So S Gen Depot discharged in British Isles	"	5.12.17	P.O. 176. 9.1.18
			Aylbrook Hill	Leave for 0.6 Gen Depot.	

DISCHARGED K.R. & O. 392 X



FORM OF WILL.

I, James Alfred Cooper. (Name in full)
 Regimental Number 540 serving in C. A. H. C.

of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and declare this to be my last Will.

I bequeath all my real estate unto

<u>Mrs. J. C. Haddock, Sask. Coop. Co.</u>	Name and Address of person or persons to whom it is to go.
<u>Miss Lillian Cooper, % Mrs. J. C. Haddock</u>	
<u>Regina Sask. Canada.</u>	

absolutely, and my personal estate I bequeath to

<u>Mrs. J. C. Haddock % Sask Coop. Co</u>	Name and Address of person or persons to receive personal estate* (See note).
<u>Miss Lillian Cooper % Mrs. J. C. Haddock</u>	
<u>Regina, Sask Canada.</u>	

IMPORTANT**NOTE**

This must be Signed
and Dated by
THE SOLDIER
HIMSELF.

this 28th day of March A. D. 1917.

James Alfred Cooper. Signature of Soldier.

*N.B.—Personal estate includes pay, effects, money in bank, insurance policy, in fact everything except real estate.

Signed and acknowledged by the Testator as and for his last Will in the presence of us both present at the same time, who in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses.

THE TWO
WITNESSES
MUST
SIGN HERE

Signature of First Witness

J. T. Giffen

Address of Witness

Strathroy, Ont.

Occupation of Witness

Student

Signature of Second Witness

Chauncey Dargaw

Address of Witness

Kingston, Ont

Occupation of Witness

Student.

MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET

Original

Surname

Booper

Christian Name

Wilfred James

Examined { on 19 day of December 1916
at Toronto

Approved by

Robt. L. Sheard

Birthplace { City or Town Strathroy, Ont.
County Canada

Rank

Last

M.O.

Apparent age 19 years, 7 months

Trade or occupation Student

Height 5 feet 6 1/2 inches

Weight 128 1/2 lbs.

Chest measurement { Minimum 32 inches

{ Maximum expansion 54 1/2 inches

Physical development Good

Small-pox Marks

Vaccination Marks { Arm Right Left 1
Number 1

When Vaccinated last Childhood

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection

Date	Fit or Unfit	EXAMINED FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
Date	Result	VACCINATIONS
28/2/17		<i>425 Vactor C.H.</i> M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
Date	Result	ANTI-TYPHOID INOCULATIONS, ETC.
2-2-17		<i>425 Vactor C.H.</i> M.O.
17-2-17		M.O.
21-2-17		M.O.

Enlisted on 8 day of February 1917 at Toronto

	CORPS	REGTL. NUMBER	HABITS	DATE
Joined on enlistment	C.A.D.C.	540		8-2-17
Transferred to				

EXAMINED OR DISCHARGED BY A MEDICAL BOARD

STATION	DATE	DISEASE	RESULT

N.B.—This sheet to be disposed of in accordance with instructions in the Regulations for Army Medical Service, on the man becoming non-effective; the date and cause being stated on next page.

This space to be left blank for the Chelsea Number.



Army Form B. 268.

Proceedings on Discharge.

(When forwarded for confirmation the documents named on page 4 should be enclosed.)

No.	340	Army Rank	A/Det.
Name	Cooper, Wilfred James		
(The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)			
Corps	B. A. S. C.		
Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c.	Gen Depot		
(If attached to the Regular Establishment of the Special Reserve or Permanent Staff of the Territorial Force, &c., or to General Staff of the Army, it should be so stated.)			
Date of discharge	Dec. 5th. 1917		
Place of discharge	N. 2. 6. D. D. London		
1. Description at the time of discharge.			
Age	20 years 8 months	Descriptive marks.	
Height	5 feet 8 inches	Nil	
Chest measurement	girth when fully expanded 36 ins. range of expansion 3 ins.		
Complexion	Medium		
Eyes	Grey		
Hair	Dark		
Trade	Dentist		
Intended place of residence	R. A. S. C.		
(To be given as fully as practicable)	Gen Depot		
(The measurements and description should be carefully taken on the day the man leaves his unit, but in the case of men sent home from abroad for discharge, the age and intended place of residence should be left blank to be filled in by the Officer who confirms the discharge at home.)			
2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of commission in the Imperial Army. R.F.C. 6-12-17. Gaz. 13-12-17 P. 13032.			
KNO. 392. x av			
(The cause of discharge must be worded as prescribed in the King's Regulations and be identical with that on the discharge certificate. If discharged by superior authority, the No. and date of the letter to be quoted.)			
3. Military character:—			
VERY GOOD			
4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations:—			
MILITARY CHARACTER. VERY GOOD			
Certified that the above is an accurate copy of the character given by me on Army Form B. 268 and that Army Form B. 269 was awarded in this case.			
Army Form B. 268 has been issued to*			

WILFRED JAMES COOPER May 3, 1897—Nov. 5, 1918

Lieutenant, Royal Air Force.

Son of the late Dr. Thomas Cooper; b. Melbourne, Ont.; ed. Strathroy P.S. and C.I.; R. College Dental Surgeons, 1918-17; C.O.T.C.; md. Alberta M. M. Jackman.

Early in 1917 he joined the Canadian Army Dental Corps as Sergeant, and went overseas in May. After some months service in camps in England, he transferred in September to the R. Flying Corps, and received his commission in December. In 1918 he went to France and from August onwards was employed as a night bombing Pilot in the 101st Squadron, serving mostly on the Somme front, often crossing the line between Cambrai and St. Quentin, and reaching as far as Crèvecœur, Le Catelet and Bohain. A few days before the end of the war, when he was starting on a raid from Roisel, his machine crashed and took fire, from which he received fatal injuries. Buried at Roisel near Péronne.

