

Cooper, Wilfred James, Acting Sergeant

Service Number: 570

Rank: Acting Sergeant

Branch: Dental Corps and Royal Flying Corps

Years Served: 1917 - 1918

Summary: The son of Dr Thomas Cooper, was born at Melbourne ON. In early 1917, he became a Sergeant in the Canadian Army Dental Corps. In Sept 1917 he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. He was employed as a night bombing Pilot with the 101st Squadron. His airplane crashed on take off on the 5 Nov 1918, just a few days before the war ended. He is buried at Roisel near Peronne France. He is commemorated in Soldier's Tower at the University of Toronto as well as the Strathroy Cenotaph and St Andrews Presbyterian Church.

Name: Wilfred James Cooper

Birth Date: May 13, 1898

Relatives: Father - Dr. Thomas Henry Cooper, M.D.
Mother - Minnie Florence Cooper. Wife - Alberta Mary Margaret Copper (nee Jackman)

Address: Born - Melbourne, ON.

Attestation Date: February 8, 1917

Death Date: November 5, 1918

Burial Site: Roisel, Peronne, France

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 Surgeon, 1915-17; C.O.S.C.; res. Alberta M. M. Jackson.

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 102nd Squadron, serving mostly on the Somme front, often crossing the line between Cambrai and St. Quentin, and reaching as far as Crèvecoeur, Le Catelet and Bohain. A few days before the end of the war, when he was starting on a raid from Reims, his machine crashed and took fire, from which he received fatal injuries. Buried at Reims near Péronne.





Date	Particulars
Card	Wilfred James Cooper CADC (Canadian Army Dental Corps) , born 13 May 1898 Strathroy ON, Theatre of War England, SOS Co? RFC 5 Dec 1917, Special Air Force Roll #1, Next of Kin Mrs J. C. Haddock 22 William Apts, Regina Sask, attested Toronto ON 8 Feb 1917,
19 Dec 1916	Medical History Sheet Birth place Strathroy ON, Student, 5' 6 ¾ inches, 128 ¾ lbs, vaccinated in childhood,
28 Mar 1917	Will completed Sisters beneficiaries, signed at Kingston ON
3 May 1917	Embarked at Halifax on SS Justicia
14 May 1917	Disembarked Liverpool
14 May 1917	TOS Shorncliffe area CADC
2 Jun 1917	SOS Shorncliffe area posting to Purbright Surrey
2 Jun 1917	TOS Pirbright London Area for Dental Services
26 Sept 1917	SOS London area to General Depot Shorncliffe
26 Sept 1917	TOS General Depot Shorncliffe
5 Dec 1917	SOS General Depot Shorncliffe to RFC (Royal Flying Corps)
21 Oct 1917	Proceeded to Military School of Aeronautics Cdt. Oxford
5 Jan 1918	Discharged in the British Isles being appointed to

8 Feb 1917	Commission in Imperial Army (RFC) Attestation Papers attested at Toronto ON, present address Strathroy ON, Student born 13 May 1898, single, COTC training, next of Kin Mrs J. C. Haddock, Regina, Sask,
5 Dec 1917	Medical – 19 years 7 Mos, 5' 6 ¾ " Dark complexion, Dark Grey eyes, Brown Hair, Methodist, Proceedings on Discharge: from CADC to Imperial Army for Commission in the Royal Flying Corps
1 Mar 1917	Mother Mrs Minnie Florence Cooper, Strathroy ON, widow.

Attestation Paper:

C. A. S. C.
ATTESTATION PAPER.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

No. 870
Folio.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

1. What is your surname? Cooper
- 2a. What are your Christian names? Wilfred James
- 2b. What is your present address? Strathroy, Ont.
3. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Strathroy, Ont., Canada
4. What is the name of your next-of-kin? W. J. Cooper from J. J. Haddock
- 4a. What is the address of your next-of-kin? 90 Main St. Strathroy, Ont., Canada
- 4b. 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. A. S. 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 attached 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)
J. J. Haddock (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)
J. J. Haddock (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was questioned 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 understood 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 8th day of Feb 1917

W. J. Haddock (Signature of Justice)

Description of		on Enlistment.	
Cooper, Wilfred James			
Apparent Age	20 years 8 months	Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.	
(To be determined and entered in the Regulations given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services)		Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has derived benefit, he will, unless the same are permanent in any previous service, enter a note in that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.	
Height	5 ft 6 1/2 ins.	Scar right knee cap	
Girth when fully expanded	34 1/2 ins.	Mole back of neck	
Range of expansion	33 1/2 ins.		
Complexion	Dark		
Eyes	Dark Grey		
Hair	Brown		
Religious denomination	Church of England		
	Presbyterian		
	Methodist		
	Baptist or Congregationalist		
	Roman Catholic		
	Jewish		
	Other denominations		
	(Denomination to be stated.)		

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-Sea Expeditionary Force.

Date *February 4* 1917. *W. H. St. George*

Place *Toronto* *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 accepted, and will briefly state below the cause of rejection—

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. St. George (Signature of Officer)

Date *March 1st* 1917.

Casualty Form:

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

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Unit, Regiment or Corps..... C. A. D. C.

Regimental No. 540 Rank Sergeant Name Cooper, Wilfred James

Dated (a) 8/2/14 Terms of Service (a) Duration of No. Service reduces from (a) 8-2-14
 Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N. C. Co. }

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (s) Student[illegible]

¹⁰² In the case of a man who has engaged her, or solicited into Section 1, Armed Forces, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.

Report		Kind of promotion, reduction, transfer, reassignment, etc. During active service, as reported on Army Form 13-20, ARMY Form A, B, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks Include from Army Form 13-20, ARMY Form A, B, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
2-11-17	San Diego	F.O.L. San Diego	San Diego	2-11-17	From 176 to 177
2-11-17	"	Comd R. 26 Shetland	"	2-11-17	From 176 to 177
9-1-18	"	San Diego	"	9-1-18	From 176 to 177
		San Diego	San Diego		

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LONDON

Form 808
Rank Name **COOPER, Alfred James** Regt No. **370**
Unit **6th Bn C.A.B.C.** If in perm. Corps What Unit? **Married or Single** **Married**
Place and Date of Enlistment **Toronto 8th Feb. 1917** Place of Birth **Strathroy, Ont.**
Name and Address, Next of Kin **Mrs. J. J. Macleod,**
80's Sask. Co. Operative Co., Regina, Sask. Relationship **Sister**
Assigned Pay Monthly \$ Payable to Relationship
Separation Allowance \$ Payable to Relationship
Discharge, Date and Place Reason Character

Report		Reason of promotion, reduction, transfer, cancellation, 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. E/S JUSTICIA.			
21-5-17	600-6	<i>Taken on strength</i>	<i>W. H. Heston</i>	14-5-17	<i>R.E.C. 122</i>
2-6-17		<i>Stock Cad. Purchased</i>		2-6-17	<i>R.E.C. 122-6-122</i>
22-9-17		<i>See entry for pay, etc., in R.E.C. 122</i>		22-9-17	<i>R.E.C. 122</i>
2-6-17		<i>See entry for duty etc</i>	<i>Sublight</i>	2-6-17	<i>R.E.C. 122</i>
26-9-17		<i>Local attach having pro # 2 2nd Bn R.F.C. 26-9-17</i>		26-9-17	<i>R.E.C. 122</i>
2-10-17		<i>Gen. Depot 205 from C.A.B.C.</i>	<i>W. H. Heston</i>	2-10-17	<i>R.E.C. 122</i>
2-10-17		<i>2nd Bn R.F.C. 2nd of 2nd Bn</i>	<i>Gen. Depot</i>	2-10-17	<i>R.E.C. 122</i>

Report		Reason of promotion, reduction, transfer, cancellation, 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		<i>Gen. Depot Discharged in British Isles.</i>		5-12-17	<i>Home Roll 5.1.18</i>
		<i>See entry for R.F.C.</i>			<i>Auth. R. 2000 Home Roll</i>
		<i>2nd Bn of General Depot Schiff.</i>		5-12-17	<i>Auth. R. 2000 Home Roll</i>
		<i>Discharged in British Isles.</i>			<i>Date 5-1-18.</i>
		<i>Long up to Gen. in Sup. Army (R.F.C.)</i>			

Other Documentation:

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SCHEDULE A.

County of Middlesex

NAME	Sex	Date of Birth	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
Pack William John	M	Dec 26, 1896	William John Pack	Hattie Barnes
Ransomt Elizabeth	M	Dec 30, 1896	Not known	Edith Ransomt
Smith Gladys (June) Louisa	F	Dec 10, 1896	Levin O. Smith	Maggie Matilda Scott
Tott Lucy Gordon Rose	M	Jan 6, 1897	Robert Scott	Taberna Romary
Wells Mary Anna	F	Aug 5, 1896	Leah Wells	Ollie Thomas
Wheeler Clayton Douglas	M	Feb 9, 1897	Thomas Stephen Collins	Sophrona May
Wheeler Joseph Henry	M	Feb 16, 1897	John (Wheeler) CRANER	Catherine Spink
Wodge Eva Lawson	F	Nov 28, 1896	Thor W. Wodge	Sarah E. Brandon
Wheeler Margaret Catherine	F	Feb 11, 1897	Nelson (Wheeler) WOODMAN	June Ann Porter
Wheeler Frederick Marvin	M	Feb 16, 1897	Thomas Howe	Gerisa Pittitt
Wheeler Elizabeth	F	Feb 11, 1897	Edward H. Northcott	Helen Northcott
Wheeler Angus	M	Feb 10, 1897	John Wain	Marina Jane Watson
Wheeler Eva Albina	F	Apr 12, 1896	George Weller	Radie Catherine Weller
Wheeler Robert Russell	M	March 1, 1896	John O. Wernham	Mary Jane Wernham
Wheeler Percy Edgar	M	Dec 15, 1896	James W. Weller	Annie Morrison
Wheeler Elsie	F	Jan 27, 1897	Albert Weller	Noel Norton
Wheeler George	M	May 31, 1897	George W. Weller	Barbara Jeffery
Wheeler William	F	Apr 24, 1897	Thomas Weller	Mary Ethel Toms
Wheeler George	M	May 11, 1897	Frank Weller	Annie Weller
Wheeler Alice Mary	F	Apr 24, 1897	Archibald C. Weller	Alice Mitchell
Wheeler James Wilfred	M	May 6, 1897	John Henry Weller	Thomas Annie Weller
Wheeler (Infant)	F	May 1, 1897	Frank Weller	Margaret Weller
Wheeler Lucy Louisa	F	Feb 20, 1897	John A. Weller	Nellie Lawson
Wheeler James Arthur	M	Mar 14, 1897	Richard Johnston	Sara L. Jeffery
Wheeler (Infant)	F	Apr 10, 1897	Philip F. Weller	Lilla Holloway
Wheeler Annie Anna	F	Mar 1, 1897	Thomas Johnston Weller	Abbie W. Weller
Wheeler Ernest	M	Apr 29, 1897	Edith Weller	Mary Ann Weller

I hereby certify the foregoing to be the true and correct
 Given under my hand this Fourth day of

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 Given under my hand this fourteenth day of April

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