

Name: Cooper, Henry Richard

Rank: Pte

Service Number: 123252



Pte Henry Richard Cooper 123252 served with the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles. Henry emigrated from England as a “Home Child” and became a blacksmith with William Hyatt in Mount Brydges. He was known as Harry.

He attested in the 70th Btn at London Ontario on the 1st Sept 1915 and transferred to the 5th CMR on the 14th of June 1916. He was killed in action on the 15th of August 1916. He is buried at Bedford House Cemetery West-Vlaanderen Belgium.

SERVICE RECORD

<i>Date</i>	<i>Detail</i>
1 Sept 1915	Blacksmith at Mt Brydges Ontario attests in 70 th Btn at London Ontario 5'3", 125 lbs, Dark complexion, Grey eyes, Brown Hair, Baptist,
2 Nov 1915	Reported sick, cold and eczema
26 Apr 1916	Leaves Canada SS Lapland
5 May 1916	Arrives England
6 Jun 1916	Transferred to 5 th CMR Dibgate England
7 Jun 1916	Lands in France
14 Jun 1916	TOS 5 th Canadian Mounted Rifles
1 Aug 1916	Pay assignment shown to Miss Alice Billington 686 William St London Ontario
15 Aug 1916	Killed in action

ORIGINAL ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 123252.

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123252

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your name? *Henry Richard Cooper*
 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *London - Eng.*
 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *John Moly*
 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *26 Albion Grove Albion Rd. London*
 5. What is the date of your birth? *May 30 - 1899*
 6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Blacksmith*
 7. Are you married? *No*
 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? *And vaccinated 11/12/15* *Yes*
 9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *No*
 10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? *No*
 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*
- Henry Richard Cooper* (Signature of Man.)
Ivor Thomas (Signature of Witness.)

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Henry Richard Cooper*, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions 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 *Sept 1* 1915 *Henry Richard Cooper* (Signature of Recruit)
Ivor Thomas (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Henry Richard 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 *Sept 1* 1915 *Henry Richard Cooper* (Signature of Recruit)
Ivor Thomas (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 *London* this *1* day of *Sept* 1915

W. H. C. [Signature] (Signature of Justice)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Attestation of the above-named Recruit.

W. H. C. [Signature] (Approving Officer)

Description of A. Q. Cooper on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 18 years 3 months.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(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.)

Height 5 ft 3 ins.

Girth when fully expanded 37 ins.
Range of expansion 34 1/2 ins.

Complexion Dark

Eyes Grey

Hair Brown

Religious denominations:
Church of England
Presbyterian
Methodist
Baptist or Congregationalist Baptist
Other Protestants (Denomination to be stated.)
Roman Catholic
Jewish

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 Sept 1915

Place London, Ont

"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.

H. A. Kingsmill

Maj. A. M. C.

Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Henry Richard 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.

Wm. Butler Major (Signature of Officer)

Date Sept 17 1915

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Number

123252

Rank

Pt

Surname

COOPER

Christian Name

Henry Richard

Units

5th C.M.P.

Theatre of War

France

Date of Service

7-6-16

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Remarks

Latest Address

(Benef) E. Billington Esq

73 Oxford St. W., London W.1.

Roll No.

B. Page 20260

200m.-6-21.11.

DISCHARGE

FROM

LINE No.

ME

PERIAL)

TAWA

DESP. JAN 26 1923
REG. NO. 15940

REG. No.

DATE FORWARDED TO OTTA
IMPERIAL DEPOT No.

649-C-4910

envt. Richard
COOPER, H.R. No. 123252 Pte. *5th @ M.R. 70th Pn.*

M & D.

(M) E. Billington,
73 Oxford St. West,
London, Ont.

P & S. Unable to locate next of kin.

Ser # 765687

*Not Eligible for 14-15 Star
Eligible for V.M. & B. St. M.*

*70350
M.S.*

R-149.

Name **COOPER Henry Richard** Rank **Pte.**

Reg. No. 123252

Unit **5th Can Mounted Rifles**Next of Kin **Canada**

R125-C-1558

Date	Movement	Place	Casualty	List No.	Notified N/K O.	W.O. List
1916.		(B.C.S. No. 155.19-8-16)				
Aug. 15	Reported from Base:	KILLED IN ACTION.	A188	M11557		22-8 23/8

NAME **Cooper Henry Richard** H. Q. FILE No. 649-
 RANK AND CORPS **Pte 5th C.M.R.** REGT'L. No. 123252.

CABLE		NATURE OF CASUALTY	
No.	DATE		
M11557	13-8-16	Killed in Action	Aug. 15 th 16. ✓
R2320	25-8-16	" " " "	" " " " ✓
2090	26-8-16	" " " "	" " " " ✓
	Home		

No. 123252 RANK **Pte.**NAME **Cooper Henry R.**

T. O. S. 1-9-15 UNIT **70th Battalion**
 DO 15 of 15-9-15

M. D. /

PAID FROM	PAID TO	SIG. OR RECT	PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, ETC.	
			PARTICULARS	AUTHORITY
1915	1915			
Sep. 1	Sep. 30	✓		
	Oct.	✓		
	Nov.	✓		
	Dec.	✓		
1916	Jan. 1916	✓		
	Feb.	✓		
	Mar.	✓		
	Apr.	✓		
	May	✓		

UNIT SAILED
 APR 24 1916

SURNAME **Cooper** 649-C-4910
 CHRISTIAN NAMES **Henry, Richard.**
 REG'L. No. 123252, RANK **Pte.**
 UNIT **70th.**
 FORMER CORPS **mil.**

CARD NO. **D**
 FOLL.

NEXT OF KIN.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAMES IN FULL **Mole, John.**RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER **Uncle.**

ADDRESS **26 Albion Grove, Albion Rd.
 Stoke, Newington
 Eng.**

COUNTRY OF BIRTH **England, London.**PLACE OF ATTESTATION **London, Ont.**DATE **May 30th 1897.**DATE **Sept. 1st 1915.**

OS 24-4-16 397
 1-1-9404. M. & D. 6512.

M. F. W. 22. 250M.-2-16. H. Q. 1772-30-333.



Unit, Number, Rank and Name.

CERTIFIED CORRECT.

Canadian Record Office,
Westminster House,
7, Millers Row, S.W.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Unit, Regiment or Corps 10th Overseas Bn. C.E.F.
Regimental No. 123252 Rank Pte. Name Henry Richard Cooper
Enlisted (a) 1/9/15 Terms of Service (a) 4 1/2 years Service reckons from (a) 1-9-15
Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N. C. Os. }
Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

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				
6-6-16.		Transferred to 5 th B.M.R.	A.H. Bursford, Lt.		Embarked Canada 2/5 September, aged 26-16 Re-embarked England, " May 4-16
		O.C.C. B.D. Landed in France, strength 5 th B.M.R.	Taken on	Nom. Roll d/1/6/16	
		— do. — Left for Unit	Bn. 6/1/16	Pt II D.O. 24 d/14/6/16	
17/8/16	66 Unit	C.C. 5 th B.M.R. Arrived Unit for duty	8/6/16	Nom. Roll d/10/6/16	
		Killed in action	9/6/16	B. 213 d/1/6/16	
			Ltd.	15/8/16	Letter 11/7/16, 15/8/16. Card No. 137/826 11/7/16. D.O. 55. 9/8/16. D. 33 d/21/6/16

E. P. Doughty
for Lt. Col. A. A. G. Lieutenant

(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., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

(P.T.O.)

A.G.R.

Rank

Name

COOPER, Henry Richard ✓

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Unit

70th Bn.

If in perm. Corps, }
What Unit? }

Reg'l No. 123252 ✓

Place and Date of Enlistment

1st Sept., 1915. ✓

Married or Single

Single. ✓

Name and Address, Next-of-Kin

H. Cooper, ✓
Canada.

Place of Birth London, England. ✓

Mount Brydges, Ont., Canada. ✓

Relationship Father. ✓

Assigned Pay Monthly \$

Payable to

Relationship

Separation Allowance \$

Payable to

Relationship

Discharge, Date and Place 15.8.16 Field

Reason K.A.

Character

Report.

Date.

From whom
received.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.

Arrived in England

D. Lapland.

5 MAY 1916

9.6.16 OC. 70th Trans. to 5th C.M.R. Overseas.

Delegated.

6.6.16 Re D.O. 111.

14.6.16 5th C.M.R. I.O.S. from 70th Bn.

Filed

7.6.16 Re D.O. 24

23.8.16 do Killed in Action

do

15.8.16 62A188. ON.

21.8.16 do Killed in Action.

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15.8.16 Re D.O. 93.



ORIGINAL MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET.

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Surname Cooper Christian Name Henry Richard

Examined on 1 day of Sept 1915 Approved by H. H. H. H. H.
at London Rank Major M.O.

Birthplace London County Engd.

Apparent age 18/3

Trade or occupation Blacksmith M.O.

Height 5 Feet 3 Inches M.O.

Weight 125 Lbs. M.O.

Chest measurement { Minimum 34 1/2 inches M.O.

{ Maximum expansion 37 inches M.O.

Physical development fair M.O.

Small-Pox Marks int M.O.

Vaccination Marks { Arm Right 0 Left 1

{ Number 1 Date 31/1/16 Result Good M.O.

When Vaccinated last 1900 Date 22/3/16 Result Good M.O.

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease None M.O.

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection None

Date 17.1.16 Result Good M.O.

Date 22.1.16 Result Good M.O.

Date 22.1.16 Result Good M.O.

Date 22.1.16 Result Good M.O.

Enlisted on 1st day of September 1915 at London

	CORP.	REG'T NUMBER.	HABITS.	DATE.
Joined on enlistment		<u>123252</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>1-9-15</u>
Transferred to, <u>70th A.S. Battalion</u>				
<u>5th Co. B.</u>		<u>123252</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>6-6-16</u>

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.

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