

## COOPER, Edward Alfred

According to 1901 Census and attestation papers, was born May 15, 1896 Dalton Twp., Victoria Co. Methodist. According to Vernon LeCraw, was bn May 22 1896 Ragged Rapids, Dalton Twp., and lived Lutterworth Twp, Haliburton Co, post office either Buller or Kinmount. Served WW1 2161251, Rly Constr & Forestry Depot, 85<sup>th</sup> Bttn., same as brother Byard.

Son of John (Jack) & Frances Alberta [SPRUNG] Cooper.

Edward's grandparents Alfred & Eliza (FRIDD) Cooper emigrated from England May 1884 to join grandfather's elder brother Thomas James at Cooper's Falls. The latter had been there since 1864. (source: Anne Chapirson\*)

In 1901 Census Victoria North, Somerville Twp (N-3, P 12 line 49).

Father John b. Mar 28 1868 Belvedere, Erith, Kent Eng.

Mother Frances Dec 6 1864 Ont

### Siblings in 1901:

Eliza Ann b May 8 1891

Byard Feb 20 1893 (also served)

William Arthur Feb 19 1898

1911 Census, is in Lutterworth Twp p6 line 3 with parents and siblings. Father listed as Anglican.

Byard, William, Nellie (bn Jan 1904), and Harold (bn May 1908)

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| RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION & FORESTRY DEPOT.   |                  | DUPLICATE            |
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| ATTESTATION PAPER.   |                  | No. 2161251          |
| CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.  |                  | Folio.               |
| QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.  |                  |                      |
| (ANSWERS)  |                  |                      |
| 1. What is your surname?   | Cooper Alfred    |                      |
| 1a. What are your Christian names?   | Edward Alfred    |                      |
| 1b. What is your present address?  | Miners Bay Ont.  |                      |
| 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what County were you born?   | Dalton, Ont.     |                      |
| 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin?   | Mrs John Cooper  |                      |
| 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin?  | Miners Bay, Ont. |                      |
| 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin?  | Mother           |                      |
| 5. What is the date of your birth?   | May 15th 1896    |                      |
| 6. What is your Trade or Calling?  | Lumberman        |                      |
| 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?  | 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              |                      |
| 13. Have you ever been discharged from any Branch of His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit?  | No               |                      |
| 14. If so, what was the nature of the disability?  | No               |                      |
| 15. Have you ever offered to serve in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces and been rejected?  | No               |                      |
| 16. If so, what was the reason?  | No               |                      |
| DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.  |                  |                      |
| I, Edward Alfred 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   | Oct 19th 1917    | Signature of Recruit |
|  |                  | Signature of Witness |
| OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.  |                  |                      |
| I, Edward Alfred 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   | Oct 19th 1917    | Signature of Recruit |
|  |                  | 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 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 Lindsay, this 19th day of Oct 1917.  |                  |                      |
|  |                  | Signature of Justice |
| M. P. W. 22.<br>780 M.-3-17.<br>II. Q. 1779-39-541.  |                  |                      |
| N.B.—ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT ANY PERSON MAKING A FALSE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.  |                  |                      |

*Edward*  
Description of Cooper, Alfred on Enlistment.

Apparent Age. 21 years ..... 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 in any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

Height ..... 5 ft 11 3/4

Chest measurement. (Girth when fully expanded) ..... 40 1/2 ins.  
Range of expansion ..... 5 1/2 ins.

Complexion ..... Fair

Eyes ..... Blue

Hair ..... Brown

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

Nil

**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. Oct 1914 ..... 1917.

Place Lindsay 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:—

*Capl. A.M.C.*  
Medical Officer.

**CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.**

Edward Alfred 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.

*[Signature]* (Signature of Officer)

Date. 19-10-17 1917. Lieut. & Acting Adjutant.