

## **First World War Service Record of Arthur Miles Gilpin Cooper**

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# SHORT SERVICE.

(Three years with the Colours.)

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 40455 Name Arthur Miles Giffin Cooper Corps.....

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name?.....  | 1. <u>Arthur Miles Giffin Cooper</u>  |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?.....   | 2. In the Parish of <u>St. Peter's</u> or near the Town of <u>St. Leonards</u> in the County of <u>Kent</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject?.....  | 3. <u>Yes</u>   |
| 4. What is your Age?.....   | 4. <u>24</u> Years.....Months   |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling?.....  | 5. <u>Lawyer</u>  |
| 6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where?..... | 6. <u>Yes</u>   |
- You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.
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| 7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? if so, where? to whom? for what period? and, when did, or will, the period of your Apprenticeship expire?.....   | 7. <u>No</u>  |
| 8. Are you Married?.....  | 8. <u>No</u>  |
| 9. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power?.....  | 9. <u>No</u>  |
| 10. Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? if so to what unit and Corps?.....  | 10. <u>No</u>   |
| *11. Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which unit, and cause of discharge..... | 11. <u>No</u>   |
| 12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service?.....   | 12. <u>Yes</u>  |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? if so, on what grounds?.....  | 13. <u>No</u>   |
| 14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?.....   | 14. <u>Yes</u>  |
| 15. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service?.....  | 15. <u>Yes</u>  |
| 16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?.....   | 16. <u>Yes</u> Name <u>W. D. King</u> Corps <u>Reg. Artillery</u> |
| 17. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services?.....  | 17. <u>Yes</u>  |

For a term of three years, unless War lasts longer than three years, in which case you will be retained until the War is over. If employed with Hospitals, depots of Mounted Units, and as Clerks, etc., you may be retained after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall in no case exceed six months. If, however, the War is over in less than 3 years, you will be discharged with all convenient speed.

I, Arthur Miles Giffin 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 made.

Arthur Miles Giffin Cooper.....SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT  
W. D. King.....Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Arthur Miles Giffin Cooper swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will be 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 the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

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.

18. DOCKING STREET on this 9 day of April 1914  
B.W. Signature of the Justice J. H. Sumner

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration under Section 8 (6), Army Act.

The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 2065a.

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 40455

Name A. M. G. Cooper

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to recon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officer certifying correctness of Entries
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from 9 Oct 1914									
Joined at Bedford on 10-10-14									
Beds Regt	Dep	Attached	fr	9-10-14					M
RFA	R65	Posted	Gr	17-10-14					
" a discharged 85 Bde having received a commission in the RFA				20-2-15					



To be used for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army only.  
 Army Form B. 178<sup>A</sup> to be used for Special Reserve recruits  
 and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Cooper Christian Name Arthur Miles Gipe

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace .. Parish Sevenoaks County Kent

Examined .. .. { on 9 day of Oct 1914.  
 at London

Declared Age .. .. 29 years .. days.

Trade or Occupation .. Farmer

Height .. .. 5 feet, 8½ inches.

Weight .. .. 139 lbs.

Chest { Girth when fully Expanded 39 inches.

Measurement { Range of Expansion 3 inches.

Physical Development .. Good

Vaccination Marks { Arm .. Right Left  
 Number — 2

When Vaccinated .. Infancy

Vision .. .. { R.E.—V=6/9  
 L.E.—V=6/9

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease .. .. (a)

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection .. .. (b)

Approved by .. (Signature) Philip Fitzgerald

(Rank) .. .. Medical Officer.

Enlisted .. .. { at London  
 on 9 day of Oct 1914

Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Transferred to		

Became non-effective by .. discharge in consequence of having been  
commissioned in Royal Field Artillery  
 on 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 1915

(Signature) H. Hargrave Capt  
 (Rank)

# Description of *Arthur Miles Gilpin Cooper* on Enlistment.

Apparent Age... *29* years... months.  
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height... *5* feet... *8 1/2* inches.

Weight... *139* lbs. *7* 1/2.

Chest measurement. { Girth when fully expanded... *39* inches.  
Range of expansion... *3* inches.

Complexion... *Flesh*

Eyes... *Grey*

Hair... *Brown*

Religious Denomination { Church of England... *yes*  
Presbyterian  
Wesleyan  
Baptist or Congregational  
Other Protestants  
Denomination to be stated,  
Roman Catholic  
Jewish

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.)

*none*

## Certificate of Medical Examination.

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

Date... *9 Oct.* ... 191*4*

Place... *London*

\* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

*Philip Franklin*

*CS*  
Medical Officer

Note.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of the unfit, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

## Certificate of Primary Military Examination.

I hereby certify that the above-named recruit was inspected by me and I consider him

\* *fit* ... for service in the *Royal Regiment of Artillery* ... and that his care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date... *9 Oct.* ... 191*4*

Place... *London*

\* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

*S. Haslemurray*

Recruiting Officer

† Insert the "Regiment" or "Corps"

## \* Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him

*Royal Regiment of Artillery ANATA*

If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date... *9 Oct.* ... 191*4*

Place... *London*

*S. Haslemurray*

Approving Officer

\* The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.



8/2/15

M. T. 3.

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Form M.T.  
393

This Form is to be used for a candidate who is neither a cadet or ex-cadet of the Senior Division, Officers Training Corps, nor a member of a University. Form M.T. 392 should be used for an Officers Training Corps (Senior Division) or University candidate.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN THE  
REGULAR ARMY FOR THE PERIOD OF THE WAR.

The candidate will complete the following particulars and obtain certificates below as to character and educational qualification.

1. Name in full	Surname. Christian names.	Copper Arthur Miles Gilpin
2. Date of birth.		24 <sup>th</sup> September 1885
3. Whether married.		No
4. Whether of pure European descent.		Yes
5. Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject.		British born
6. Permanent address.		Gravel Hill Boxmoor Hert
7. Present address for correspondence.		A Battery 85 <sup>th</sup> Brigade R.F.A. Colchester
8. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars.		
9. Whether able to ride.		Yes
10. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any branch of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces, or in the Officers Training Corps. If so, state :—		now serving in R.F.A. 9 <sup>th</sup> October 1914 Bombardier (promoted 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov 14)
(a) Regiment, Corps, or Contingent ...		
(b) Date of appointment ...		
(c) Rank ...		
(d) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge		
(e) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ...		

Accepted candidates will be gazetted to a general list. They may, however, state here—

11. The Branch of the Service (Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Infantry, or Army Service Corps) in which desirous of serving

R & A

12. The unit (if any) to which desirous of being appointed

but no guarantee can be given that they will be appointed to any particular unit.

I certify the above statement to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to a temporary commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

Date 28<sup>th</sup> January 1915

Usual Signature of Candidate.

Signature of parent or guardian, if the candidate is under 21 years of age

Certificate of moral character during the past four years. If the candidate has been at school, college, or other educational establishment during any portion of the period the certificate should be signed by the head of the establishment, otherwise it may be signed by a responsible person (not a near relative or connection), e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, a magistrate, a senior officer of the Army or Navy who has been well acquainted with the candidate in private life during the period.

If the above-mentioned person cannot certify for the whole period of four years, a second certificate for the period not covered by the first should be signed by a similar person.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of Arthur Miles Galpin for the last four years

Signature Edward A. Mitchell Inner

Rank, office or occupation K.C. & J.P. in County

Date 31 Jan. 1915 Address Churchill. Remel Hemsted

To be filled in when the above certificate does not cover four years.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of

from to

Signature

Rank, office or occupation

Date

Address

Evidence that the candidate has attained a good standard of education.

If the candidate has:—

(a) obtained a leaving or qualifying certificate as required of a candidate for admission to the Royal Military College under the regulations in force up to 1st April, 1912, the Certificate should be attached;

(b) qualified at an Army Entrance Examination, the date of examination should be stated;

(c) passed the matriculation examination of a University, or a test accepted in lieu thereof, the Certificate should be attached.

Failing one of the above, the following certificate must be signed by the Headmaster of a secondary school or other competent educational authority.

I certify from personal knowledge that A. M. G. Cooper has attained good standard of education.

S. R. James

State here educational position, e.g., Head of a College or School, etc. Late Headmaster of Malvern College

Here state whether Tutor, Head of School or College, Minister of Parish or other local clergyman, or Magistrate, &c.



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PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

assembled at Caxton Hall. S.W.

by order of G.O.C. London District.

for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of

(Rank and Name) *2nd Lt. H. M. G. Cooper* (Corps) *R.F.A.*

Age *31* Service *13 1/2* Disability *Asthma*

Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability *13, 1st 15*

Date on which placed on half-pay for present disability

633 The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions on the back of the form, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that

*The first severe attack occurred on Dec 28 15 - when he reported sick, he had been ailing for 7 weeks before, after being treated at London he was sent home on Jan 6 16. he is now free from attacks: which will recur on exposure to cold & damp. he is quite suitable for service in a warm climate - where he would be free from recurrence*

Gravel Hill,  
Boxmoor,  
Herts.

Noted on Cards  
M.B. 18/1  
AG 40 470

The opinion of the Board upon the questions herein is as follows:—

- (1.) a. Is the officer fit for "General Service"? *Yes*  
b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit? *16 months*
- (2.) a. If unfit for General Service, is he fit for service at home? *Yes*  
b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for service at home? *16 months*
- (3.) Was the disability contracted in the service? *No*
- (4.) Was it contracted under circumstances over which he had no control? *No*
- (5.) Was it caused by military service? *No*
- (6.) If caused by military service, to what specific conditions is it attributed? *Not aggravated by active service*

Signatures

*J. H. H. St. Col.*

President.

Members.

AS.