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2868 Sergeant
Arthur Charles Cooper

24th Battalion



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A.I.F. 24th Battn.

COOPER
A.C. 2868

"KILLED IN ACTION 26.8.18"

Buried at Mericourt L'Abbe Com: Cemetery Extension 4½ miles N.E. of Corbie
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs List 15.11.18

London
16.11.18

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24th. Batn: Cooper, A.C. 2868.

K. 28/8/15.

Sgt. A.C. Cooper, M.M. was a particular pal of mine and I have his roll book in my hand at the present moment. He was hit by a shell while we were advancing towards West St. Quentin. The shell landed practically on top of him killing him outright. I cannot remember the name of the village in which he is buried, but it is at the left of Guppy. I saw the cross that was to be erected on his grave.

24th. Batn: Pitts, J. Sgt. 2735.

A. 15. Dartford. 5/12/16.

R.D.B.

J.E.A.

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24th Battn.
A.I.F.

COOPER
A.C. 2868

"KILLED 28-8-18"

I saw Sgt. Charlie Cooper of D.Coy. 14th Pltn. very badly wounded all over the body by 5.9 shell at Dompiers on Aug.28th about 11 a.m. We were advancing at the time and ran into a heavy barrage and took what cover we could - he was with his men trying to keep them down. One other man (don't know name) was slightly wounded by same shell. Cooper was only conscious for about 10 mins and died on his way to R.A.P. I don't know where he was buried - probably at Dompiers Cemetery.

Sgt. Cooper was a very good soldier - one of the most respected men in Battn. and had a great hold over his men. He was a man of medium height, very well built and powerful, iron grey, about 35 years, sallow complexion. Married, from Fairlands, Wandin, Victoria. He was a Farmer.

Informant - Whitear.Lieut.A.E.
24th Battn., D.Coy.
France.

H.C.H.
12-12-18
London
30-12-18
J.K.A.

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24th Btn. COOPER, A.C.
2868.

K. in act. 28/8/18.

During the general advance towards Mont St.Quentin on the 28th August, 1918, at Beaquincourt we were being shelled and Cooper was hit through the head with a piece of shell and killed instantly. I was informed and it being my job to recover anybody hit, I picked up Cooper and conveyed him on a limber to the village of Frise for burial and since cross has been erected, having seen same myself. Apart from above I did not know Cooper personally.

Informant:- Sgt. T. J. Conlon,
No. 5318, 24th Btn.

Private address:-
Kaniva, Victoria.

C.B.Sweeny.
H.M.A.T."Chmenitz"
5/9/19.

24th Btn.

COOPER, A. C.
Sgt. 2868.

K. in act. 28/8/18.

"Casualty was killed in action at Truex by H.E. shell. I buried him at Merricourt on the 28/8/18.

Informant:- Cpl. G.O. Mohnstone,
24th Btn.

Private address:-
Mena House,
Murray Street,
Caulfield.

S.V.P.
19/9/19.

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24th. Btn.

COOPER. Cpl. A.O.
2868.

K/A. 28.8.18.

I knew Casualty. He was dark, slim built, 5'8" in height, 35 years of age, known as "Charlie". Casualty was in advance on Mont St. Quentin , when a shell landed killing him instantly. I was a few yards away at the time and saw his body lying in the open. He was buried where he fell, near where the "Big Gun", was captured. I saw his grave later. A cross was erected with his name number and unit on it.

Informant:-
Sgt/ M. Kent, R.S.G.
5612.
Private address:-
Kensington Rd.,
Toorak.

S.V.P.
4.10.19.

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24th Battn.

COOPER

A. C. - Sgt. - 2868 -

"Killed 28/8/1918"

Buried in Heath Military Cemetery.

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