

G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

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Charlie C

FEB 6 - 1926

FULL NAME..... COOK, ~~Charles O.~~.....

RANK..... Private *1cl* ✓..... SERIAL..... 1321846 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... *L* Company *L*, 120th Infantry ✓ *30th Div* ✓

DATE OF DEATH..... *Sept 29, 1918*.....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *n.e*.....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *none found.*.....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....
Date Grave Row Block

636

Cemetery

41
FEB 8 1926
A.G.O.
WORLD WAR DEPT

Major General
The Adjutant General
By *WLR*

FEB 9 1926

AUDITED BY
252 4-2-25

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Book, 1321846, C. C.

(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. L, 120th Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/1/18

PLACE OF BURIAL Old Hickory No. 3.

(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Sh. 62b/c.15.c.2.8

GRAVE NUMBER No. 24, Row A.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

Charlie C. Pvt. 1cl. 1321846.

Home address: Thomasville, N.C.

Enlisted October 29, 1918.

Wounded October 1918, by shell fire, while advancing
line, near Bellicourt, France.

Wounded at Bellicourt, France.

Wounded in this Company.

Dark hair. Dark complexion.

REPORTED BY:

J.M. Robeson, Sr. Chaplain, 50th Div.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

Organ, Walter L. Cpl. 1321878.

Co. L, 120th Inf.

Thomasville, N.C.

Enlisted August 28, 1919.

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G.H.Q., A.E.F.

T.B. Marshall, Searcher.
1st Lt., 120th Inf.

K.E.

Book, C., 1321846 Pvt., Co. L, 120th Inf. Buried 9/30/18.
Old Hickory No. 3 (S. 62 b c 15 c 8. 8).

Co. L. 120th Inf.

COOK, Charlie C. Pvt. 1st. 1321846.

Home address: Thomasville, N.C.

Killed September 29, 1918.

Killed about 7 6:45 A.M., Sept. 29, 1918, by shell fire, while advancing on enemy trenches in Hindenburg Line, near Bellecourt, France.

Mangled by shell.

Informant was eye witness.

The ground was held.

Killed instantly. Buried at Bellecourt, France.

Informant knew Christian name.

There was no other man by the same name in this Company.

He was about 5 ft., 9 in. in height. Dark hair. Dark complexion.

Weighted about 150 pounds.

Information very accurate.

Informant: Morgan, Walter L. Cpl. 1321878.

Co. L. 120th Inf.

Home: Thomasville, N.C.

Jan. 28, 1919.

Emergency address: unavailable.

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COOK, C. C., 1321846 Pvt., Co. L, 120th Inf. Buried 9/30/18.
618 Hickory No. 3 (S. 62 b 6 15 cs. 8).

Place Bony, France
Date June 7 - 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Cos K. C. C. Number: 1321846.
Rank: Priv. Organization: Co. L. - 120th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group #2 Unit 302

Disinterred (Date) 6-5-19 From: (Give complete location)
Grave #24 Row A, Plot A, Old Hickory #3
Military Cemetery, Map. Rfs. Cambrai S.W.
East 176.35, North 359.65

Reburied (Date) 6-5-19 in: (Give complete location)
Grave #189, Row #8, Plot G, Bony Military Cemetery,
Map. Rfs. 13 S.W. East 176.3, North 363.8

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
No wrapping Condition poor.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

What other means of identification were found on the body? None.

CONFIRMED N° D

11207

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service

Supervised by: James M. Simpson C. Braden 2nd Lt. D. M. C. U.S.A.
C.O. Group #2 Unit 302

QM 293 A-M
Cook, Charles C. (Som)

August 5, 1932

Mrs. America Rupert,
Spurgeon, N. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 12, 1932 stating that your health will not allow you to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class Charles C. Cook.

It is indeed regretted that you are unable to accept the offer of the Government at this time. However, should your health improve and you later desire to visit your son's grave next year, it is requested that you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years many women who were in poor health and of advanced age made the trip and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the pilgrimage you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cook, Charles C. (Som)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. America Rupert,
Spurgeon, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

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Assistant.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

_____ (Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cook, Charles C	3	3 0 0
	CEMETERY 636	1	5
BURIED	GRAVE 9	2	09
	ROW 15	2	15
	BLOCK A	1	1
STATE	N.C.	2	38
RANK	Priv 1/cl.	1	2
DIVISION	30	2	30
ORGANIZATION	120	3	120
AEM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Miss America Report	3	0 12 0
	RUP		8 1 6
	STATE N.C.	2	38
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Wilkes	2	97
	CITY Spurgewon	3	X++
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT	Yes	1	1
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	2

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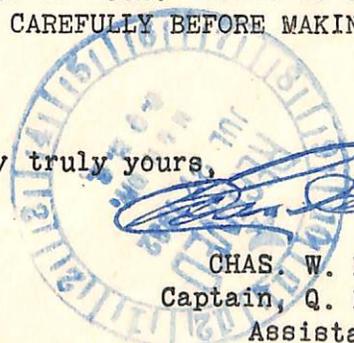
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Assistant.

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

No (Not able)
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs America Rupert

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cook, Charles C. Pvt. (Son) M

August 13, 1931

Mrs. America Rupert,
Spurgeon, N. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

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Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Cook, Charles C. Pvt. (Som) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. America Rupert,
Spurgeon, N. C.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

No - Can't
Write answer here

Able to make trip

Yours Truly + America Rupert,
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cook, Charles C. - 636 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. America Rupert,
Spurgeon, N. C.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
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Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no

(Write answer here)

Mrs. America Rupert +
(Sign here)

September 4, 1930.

QM 293 AM
Cook, Chas C. Pvt. - 636 M

Mrs. America Rupard,
Spurgeon, North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of August 19, 1930, addressed to the U. S. Veterans Bureau, has been referred to this office for reply.

You are informed that there is no provision of the law whereby any mother or widow may be given a sum of money in lieu of the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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August 28, 1930

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Mrs. America Rupard,
Spurgeon, North Carolina.

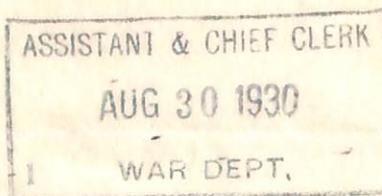
COOK, Chas C.
C-108 314

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated August 19th, 1930 relative to the legislation providing pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces who are now interred in such cemeteries.

The administration of the legislation in which you are interested is under the jurisdiction of the War Department, to which department your letter is being referred for attention.

By direction,



WILLIAM WOLFF SMITH,
General Counsel.



Spungen, N.C.
Aug 19 1930

U. S. Veterans Bureau,
Charlotte, N.C.
Gentlemen

Walsh

as mother of Chas. C Cook

Out Co L 120 Inf who died Sept 29 1918
of injuries received in line of duty
I am told that I am entitled to
received cash to the amount of cost
of trip to France as I don't care
to make the trip if this is true
please send me blank for making
application for same

Yours Truly

Mrs. America Rupard

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cook, Charles C 636 -M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. America Rupert,
Spurgeon, N. C.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

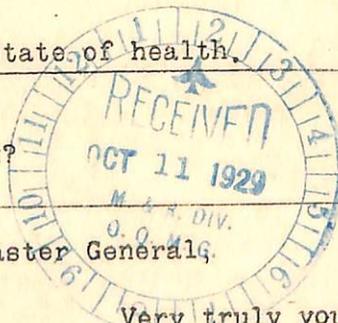
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) (No) <i>No.</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>No</i> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <i>No</i> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>60</i> Health <i>Poor</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English <i>Yes</i> (Yes) (No) Other language <i>None</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl.
Act
Envelope



Spurgeon N E
June 15 1929
The Quartermaster General.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I would like much to
visit my Sons Grave in
the American Cemetery Bay
Aisne France.

But it is too great
an undertaking. Without
I had some one to accom-
pany me on such a trip
I want to know if
you have my Sons.

Grave marked so it
will be kept.

Charlie L Cook is
my son he had no widow.

Truly yours
Mrs America Peepert
Spurgeon N E.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cook, Charles C.

May 16 1929.

Mrs. America Rupard,
Route 1, Box 52,
Hiddenite, N. Car.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Charles C. Cook, Co. L, 120th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
Write answer here

Sign here

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CORRECT NAME

COOK, Charles C.

1321846

Pvt. Co., L, 120th Inf.

change to

COOK, Charlie C.

OFFICE OF

not substituted for

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September 4, 1930.

QM 293 AM
Cook, Chas C. Pvt. - 636 M

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Assistant.

C. G. M. G. - R. DIV.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 295-A-C~~
Cook, Charles C.

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. America Rupard,
Route 1, Box 52,
Hiddenite, N. Car.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Charles C. Cook, Co. L, 120th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

QM 293 A-C

COOK, Charles C. - Pvt.

April 27, 1926

Mrs. America Rupard,
Route #1, Box 52,
Hiddenite, N.C.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1 Incl.
Record card.



L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.G.,
Assistant.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File -37853

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Cook, Charlie C. Ser. No. 1321846
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. L. 120th Inf.
(c) Date of death 9-29-18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. ZK
CKR. L&R

II. REGISTRATION CARD.—(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):

(a) Grave No. 189 Row 8 Plot C Sec. - TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. American Rupard, (Mother) Hiddenite, N.C.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. L&R

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no card in file mon 9-2

(a) Name (b) Relationship
(c) Address
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

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Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from

, dated
confirming request in Par. IV., item, above, or requesting that

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials Date 9-2-1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows:

Mother Mrs. American Rupard
Pt #, Box 52, Hiddenite, N. C. (3-25-19) Requests photo
of grave. No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes HW

Examiner's Initials Date 9-2-1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 636 SHEET No. 270

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on _____, 1920

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Par. #2 Not to be returned (M.D.)

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____ _____	
Body to be shipped to _____ _____ _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *Letter 11/9/20 to Mrs. America Regard
Rt 1, Box 52, Heddenite, N.C. re widow
children father; also inquiring as to wishes
re disposition.*

636-270
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WAR DEPARTMENT
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C.
Pier 2, Hoboken, New Jersey.

January 17, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.
(COOK, Charlie C.)

Postmaster,
Hiddenite, N.C.

Sir:-

This office has been unable to secure a reply to communications addressed to Mrs. America Rugard, Rt.#1, Box 52, your city, mother of the late Charlie C. Cook, Private, Serial Number 1321846, Co. L. 120th Infantry.

It is therefore requested that you communicate with Mrs. Rugard, and inform this office whether or not the late soldier is survived by widow, children or father, and if so, kindly furnish the name and address of each.

If the deceased soldier is not survived by any of the above, it is necessary to obtain from the mother, a signed statement of her wishes as to disposition of the body, stating whether she wishes it left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to her at Government expense, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your co-operation in this matter will be appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in charge.

By:

J. P. BUELER,
1st Lieut. Infantry.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
GENERAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, P.M.C.
Pier 2, Hoboken, New Jersey.

January 14, 1921.

File No. 298.8 Gen. Div. Cor. Br.
(Cook, Charlie G.)

Postmaster,
Hickory, N.C.

Sir:-

This office has been unable to secure a reply to communications addressed to Mrs. America Ryerd, Rt. 1, Box 52, your city, mother of the late Charlie G. Cook, Private, Serial Number 1321846, Co. A, 130th Infantry.

It is therefore requested that you communicate with Mrs. Ryerd, and inform this office whether or not the late soldier is survived by widow, children or father, and if so, kindly furnish the name and address of each.

If the deceased soldier is not survived by any of the above, it is necessary to obtain from the mother, a signed statement of her wishes as to disposition of the body, stating whether she wishes it left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to her at Government expense, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your co-operation in this matter will be appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in charge.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
 CEMETERY DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
 PIER #2, HOBOKEN, N.J.

November 19, 1920.

File 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch.
 (COOK, Charlie C.)

Mrs. America Rugard,
 Rt. #1, Box 52,
 Hiddenite, N. C.

Dear Madam:-

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of the remains of the late Pvt. Charlie C. Cook, #1321846, Co.L, 120th Inf., it is necessary that you advise whether the deceased is survived by a widow, children, or father, giving the names and addresses; or if he was not married, a statement to that effect is necessary for the records of this office.

If the late soldier is not survived by the above mentioned relatives and you are the nearest of kin, it is requested that you advise whether you desire the remains left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or buried in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va., the Government bearing the expense.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By Authority of the Quartermaster General.

R. E. SHANNON,
 Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
 Officer in Charge.

BY:

RR
 CLAY S. WORICK,
 Captain, A.G.D.

Mailed O.P.D.

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 Dec. 9th*

WAR DEPARTMENT
CENTRAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER #2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

November 19, 1920.

File 223 B Gen. Div. Branch.
(COOK, Charles G.)

Mrs. America Rugard,
Rt. 1, Box 22,
Hiddeford, N. J.

Dear Madam:-

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of the remains of the late Pvt. Charles G. Cook, #1321846, Co. I, 120th Inf., it is necessary that you advise whether the deceased is survived by a widow, children, or father, giving the names and addresses; or if he was not married, a statement to that effect is necessary for the records of this office.

If the late soldier is not survived by the above mentioned relatives and you are the nearest of kin, it is requested that you advise whether you desire the remains left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or buried in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va., the Government bearing the expense.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By Authority of the Quartermaster General.

H. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

Handwritten signature

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W. MORRIS,
A.G.D.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: Mrs. America Bagerd, Rt. #1, Box. #52, Hildenhite, N. C.

SUBJECT: Remains of Private Charlie C. Cook, Co. I, 120th Inf. Ser. No. 1321846

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body ~~Not expressed your~~
~~desires as to the disposition of the body.~~

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U. S. A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a **SERIOUS DELAY** in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF--	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow.....			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1.....		
	2.....		
	3.....		
Father.....			
Mother.....			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1.....		
	2.....		
	3.....		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1.....		
	2.....		
	3.....		

Date.....

Signature.....

Address.....

Relationship.....

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

WAR DEPARTMENT
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C.
Pier 2, Hoboken, New Jersey.

January 17, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Gor.Br.
(COOK, Charlie G.)

Postmaster,
Hiddenite, N.C.

Sir:-

This office has been unable to secure a reply to communications addressed to Mrs. America Rugard, Rt.#1, Box 52, your city, mother of the late Charlie G. Cook, Private, Serial Number 1321846, Co. L. 120th Infantry.

It is therefore requested that you communicate with Mrs. Rugard, and inform this office whether or not the late soldier is survived by widow, children or father, and if so, kindly furnish the name and address of each.

If the deceased soldier is not survived by any of the above, it is necessary to obtain from the mother, a signed statement of her wishes as to disposition of the body, stating whether she wishes it left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to her at Government expense, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your co-operation in this matter will be appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in charge.

By:

J. F. BUTLER,
1st Lieut. Infantry.

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 CEMETERY DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
 PIER #2, HOBOKEN, N.J.

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November 19, 1920.

File 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch.
 (COOK, Charlie C.)

Mrs. America Rugard,
 Rt.#1, Box 52,
 Hiddenite, N. C.

Dear Madam:-

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of the remains of the late Pvt. Charlie C. Cook, #1321846, Co.L, 120th Inf., it is necessary that you advise whether the deceased is survived by a widow, children, or father, giving the names and addresses; or if he was not married, a statement to that effect is necessary for the records of this office.

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Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By Authority of the Quartermaster General.

R. E. SHANNON,
 Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
 Officer in Charge.

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 Dec. 9th*

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BY:

CLAY S. MORRICK,
 Captain, A.G.D.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA
File # 37853.

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Cook, Charlie C. Ser. No. 1321846
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. L, 120th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 9-29-18 Cause of death K/A

TYP ZK
 CKR GER

II. REGISTRATION CARD.-(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.):

(a) Grave No. 189 Row 8 Plot C Sect. ---
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. American Rupard, (Mother), Hiddenite, N.C.

O.J.B.

TYP DB

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases No card CKR LS

IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:

No request for disposition - HD 9-30-20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 9/16 1920)
 Par. # 2, Not to be returned. (McD)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. OCT 4 1920 192 *ELS 11-2-20*

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 636 SHEET NO. 270
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A
 August, 1920

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cook, 1321846, C. C.

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. L, 120th Inf.

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. 10/1/18

Old Hickory No. 3.

PLACE OF BURIAL

(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Sh. 62b/G.15.c.8.8

GRAVE NUMBER. No. 24, ROW A.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? Yes

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

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REPORTED BY:

J.M. Robeson, Sr. Chaplain, 30th Div.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

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1. G.R.S. Form No. 1. Hq. G.R.S. File

2. Soldier's No. 1321846

3. Cook ----- C. C.
Surname First Name and Initials

4. Pvt ----- L ----- 120 Inf.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. ----- K.I.A.
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. 9/30/18 ----- Old Hickory # 3
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. -----
Town or Commune Department

8. 24 ----- Amer
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? ----- Cross? ----- Headboard? ----- Bottle? -----
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? ----- Attached to Grave Marker? -----
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

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12. -----
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. A. M. Baker
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Chas E. W. Tanner

Group 2 Unit 307 G.R.S.

1. G.R.S. Form No. 1

1. G.R.S. Form No. 1

2. Soldier's Name

3. Rank, Grade, and Initials

4. Branch, Post, or Corps

5. Name of Hospital

6. Location

7. Department

8. Post No. or Letter

9. Name of Bottle? Cross? Handboard? Bottle? (Back Method of Marking)

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker? Identification Tag

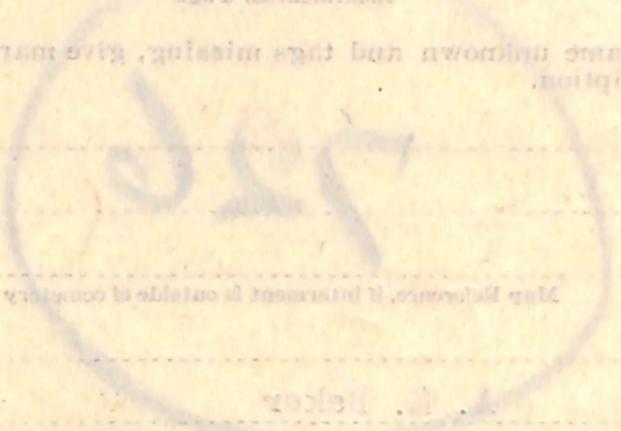
11. If name unknown and tags missing, give mark and description

12. Map Reference, if pertinent to location of country

13. Name of Doctor (Give name and position, if possible)

Signed

Group? Unit? G.R.S.



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FILE!

March 25 1919

Dear Sir

I received notice
some time ago from Charles
C. Price, Lieut. Colonel QMC
U.S.A.

That my son ^{Ant} Charlie Cook
Co. L. 120 Infantry, Died Sept 29. 1918
and was buried at Old Hickory
Cemetery No. 3 Pontreue, Aisne,
France. And for me to write
to you for any inquiry about
a photograph. I would thank
you very much indeed if you
could get Charlie's picture for
me, if not would be glad to
(over)

FILE

I have the picture of his
grave. He was a dutiful
son. And give his life & hope
for a good cause. Thanking
you for all the trouble you
may have in finding my son's
picture. I am his sorrowing
mother.

(Mrs) America Roper
Walden N.C.
Route 1
Box 52



P.S.

If you can please send two
(2) pictures

*Put char. copy
to L. 1204 copy*

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FILE

July 10th 1919.

Mrs. America Rugard, Route #1, Box 52, Hiddenite, N.C.

Personal photographs of deceased members of the A.E.F.

1. In reply to your inquiry of March 25th, I regret to have to inform you that the Graves Registration Service does not possess and cannot supply personal photographs of members of the A.E.F. who have given their lives in France.
2. The photographs of the graves are taken and sent to the relatives, in order to show them the last resting places of their dear ones, and your son's grave will be photographed and you will get a photograph as early as possible.
3. I hope it will be of some comfort to you in your sorrow to know that your son's grave will receive every care and will be in the keeping of the American Government.

Incls. 2.
ED.

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.G., USA.