

1. **NAME** COOK, Elbert E. **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
**RANK** Pvt. **SERIAL No.** 1412331  
**ORGANIZATION** Bty. C. 119th FA  
8 DIVISION none 32  
**GRAVE LOCATION** American Cty., Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne. **NUMBER** 92  
**CTY. NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

308

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. **ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION** 308 RIMAUCOURT (Haute-Marne)  
**GRAVE** **COMMUNE** **DEPT.**

**COORDINATES** E. 323.2 N.165.3

**CONCENTRATED TO** Not of record

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.

**DATE OF DEATH** Dec 5, 1918

**STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME**  Iowa

**MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED**  none

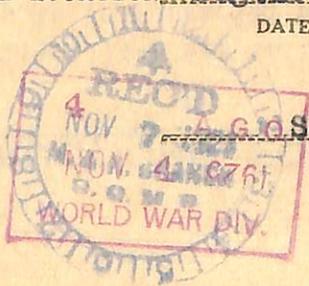
**SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS**  Not of record

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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**SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR**  [Signature]  
WALTER F. BROWN, CAPT. QMC., Supervisor area N° 4

3. **FINAL GRAVE LOCATION** Aug. 19, 1922 7 12 Block B  
**DATE** **GRAVE** **ROW** **PLOT**



AUDITED BY

St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiaucourt  
**CEMETERY**

Robert G. Davis  
 Major General  
 The Adjutant General  
 By CLR

NOV 6 - 1925

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cook ..... 1412331 ..... Albert E.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private ..... Batt. C., 119 P. A. ....  
(Rank) of death: Base Hosp. #68 (Organization.)  
Rimaucourt, Hte. Marne France.

DATE OF BURIAL ..... Dec 6 1918. ....  
Cause of death: Pneumonia Broncho.

PLACE OF BURIAL ..... Military Cemetery, Hospital  
Centre, Rimaucourt, Hte. Marne France.  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must  
specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER ..... 308 .....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Yes ..... Cross? .....  
Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? .....  Yes .....

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. Joseph Cook .....

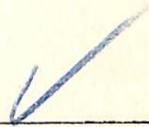
ADDRESS: 2330 Capitol Ave.,  
Des Moines, Iowa, US .....

RELATIONSHIP: (Mother) .....

REPORTED BY: *Leon Matassarini*  
*Captain M. C. Registrar*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Cook	C 0 0	3	3 5 5
BURIED	Elbert E	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
		GRAVE 7	2	07
		ROW 12	2	12
		BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Iowa		2	16
RANK	Pvt		1	2
DIVISION	32		2	32
ORGANIZATION	119		3	119
ARM	7a		1	3
MARTIAL	no		1	2
NAME	Cook	C 0 0	3	3 5 5
Mrs Josie Harrington	STATE	Iowa	2	16
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	Polk	2	77
	CITY	Des Moines	3	027
RELATION	Mother		1	1
OTHER			1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes		1	1
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH	yes		1	1
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH	Bad		1	2
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.		1	
	YR.		1	
ACCEPTANCE	Age	no	1	2

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DEC 18 1931  
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K.P.B. 29/514/PJ

Age

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V.P.M.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Cook, Elbert E. (StM)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook,  
2613 Maple St.,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>69</i> Health: <i>poor</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>no</i>

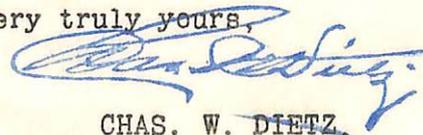
*Mrs. J. H. Cook*

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cook, Elbert E. (STM)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook,  
2613 Maple Street,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

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.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M

December 23, 1931.

Cook, Elbert E. (StM)

Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook,  
2613 Maple Street,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Elbert E. Cook. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and needs will be provided. D

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Cook, Elbert E. Pvt (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook,  
2613 Maple St.,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

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.

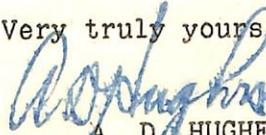
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

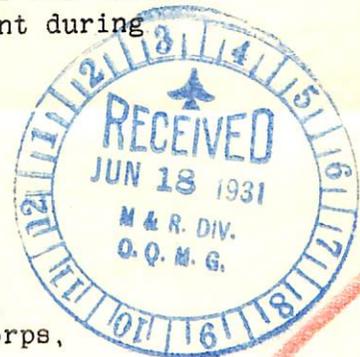
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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,

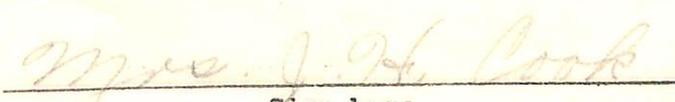
Very truly yours,

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



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

No  
Write answer here

  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Cook, Elbert E. Pvt 1233 M

Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook  
2613 Maple Street  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>no</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>no</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>67</i> Condition of health <i>poor</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i>

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

Cook, Elbert E. 1233 M.

Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook,  
2613 Maple St.,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

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.

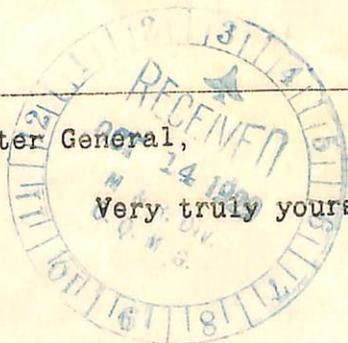
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	<del>(Yes)</del> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<del>(Yes)</del> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	<del>(Yes)</del> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>67</u> Health <del>(Poor)</del> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other language _____ (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cook, Elbert E.

July 31, 1929.

Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook,  
2613 Maple St.,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

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 Elbert E. Cook, Bty. C, 119th F. A., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cook, Elbert E

May 28, 1929.  
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Mrs. Joseph Cook,  
Box 108,  
Gilmore City, Iowa.

M. Mrs Josie Harrington Cook  
2613 Maple St.  
Des Moines, Iowa.

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 Elbert E. Cook, Battery C, 119th F. A., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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,

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



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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cook, Elbert E. (StM)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook,  
2613 Maple St.,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cook, Elbert E. (STM)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook,  
2613 Maple Street,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

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This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M

December 23, 1931.

Cook, Elbert E. (STM)

Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook,  
2613 Maple Street,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Elbert E. Cook. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and needs will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Cook, Elbert E. Pvt (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook,  
2613 Maple St.,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

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,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

October 13, 1930

Cook, Elbert ~~ME 293~~ 1233 M

Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook  
2613 Maple Street  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the **mother** of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cook, Elbert E. - 1233 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook,  
2613 Maple Street,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

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.

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 mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

**Cook, Elbert E. 1235 M.**

**Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook,  
2613 Maple St.,  
Des Moines, Iowa.**

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)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(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)	(No)
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 293 A-C

Cook, Elbert E.  
1233

September 16, 1929.

Mrs. Jesse Harrington Cook,  
2613 Maple St.,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **July 31, 1929**, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

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  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Cook, Elbert E.**

**July 31, 1929.**

**Mrs. Josie Harrington Cook,  
2613 Maple St.,  
Des Moines, Iowa.**

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 Elbert E. Cook, Bty. C, 119th F. A., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.**

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

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  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May , 1929.

Cook, Elbert E

28

Mrs. Joseph Cook,  
Box 108,  
Gilmore City, Iowa.

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 Elbert E. Cook, Battery C, 119th F. A., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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 incs.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

M.G.-M & R DIV.  
MAY 28 PM 3 57  
DISPATCHED

E

Cook,

Albert E.

1,412,331

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Btry C 119 F A

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased-----

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?-----

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? }-----

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

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(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

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(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here)-----

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(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

RETURNED  
UNCLAIMED

COOK, Elbert E., Pvt.

February 27, 1924

Mrs. Josie Cook,  
Box 108,  
Gilmore City, Iowa.

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 military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting 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 and more than willingly accorded 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.

O. Q. M. Assistant.  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM.  
R. L. POSTER

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FEB 27 1924  
B. O. C.

G.R.S. Form No. 115

COUNTRY FRANCE

Cemetery No. 92

Sheet No. 55

File No. 70265

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name COOK, Elbert E. Ser. No. 1412331 )

(2) Rank Pvt Organization Bty C, 119th F. A. )

(3) Date of death 12/5/18 )

B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia )

(5) Grave No. 308 Row -- Plot -- Sect. -- )

*5/26/20  
Exhumed Jan  
concentration  
St. Michel # 1233  
maps 6-16-22*

*TYP. JS  
CKR. Mes*

*TYP. TW.  
CKR. H.E.*

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; no card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

(7) Name \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Address \_\_\_\_\_

(9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_

(10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at \_\_\_\_\_

(11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? \_\_\_\_\_

*No card in file  
see response made*

*OK  
me 13*

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication \_\_\_\_\_

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information. \_\_\_\_\_

*No correspondence*

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by cwe (Date) 4/7/20

D. (14) G. R. S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.? yes H.M. Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? H.M. (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

*MME*

*Mother, Mrs Josie Cook, 2330, Capitol Ave Des Moines, Iowa (1/31/19) Requests details of illness, death. No request for disposition*

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by H.M. (Date) 4/7/20

(over) *Rechecked by me  
12-10-20*

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to \_\_\_\_\_

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed \_\_\_\_\_

(18) Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

B. G. R.S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) 4-10-20

(19) Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) 4-10-20

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

26-12-20

*Form 120 dated 5-25-20 - From Mrs. Josie Cook requests body to remain in lease. Add changed to Box 108 Gilman City, Iowa. 6-11-20 MCH.*

D. Dispatched (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Let. Trans. No. 115/21)

*Par. #2. Not to be returned. (F.L.)*

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

*E.A. Mrs Josie Cook,  
7330, Capitol Ave  
Des Moines Iowa.*

Place Rimacourt, Ht. Marne

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 18, 1922

1. REMAINS OF COOK, Elbert E. SERIAL NUMBER 1412331  
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Bty. C. 119th F. A.

2. Disinterred (date) : Jan. 18, 1922 From (give complete location) : Gr. 308  
Amer. Cem. No. 92 Rimacourt, Ht. Marne

By : Group 1 Unit 4

3. Reburied (date) : Aug. 19 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 7 Bk. B Row 12  
Cty. 1233

By : Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Casket & shipping case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Uniform and wooden box. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? yes On grave marker ? yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
No effects found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine

(c) Hair—Color Unable to determine

Quantity Unable to determine

Characteristics Unable to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Unable to determine

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None SF. 13. SF. 14 MAD. 7, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24 25, 26, 27

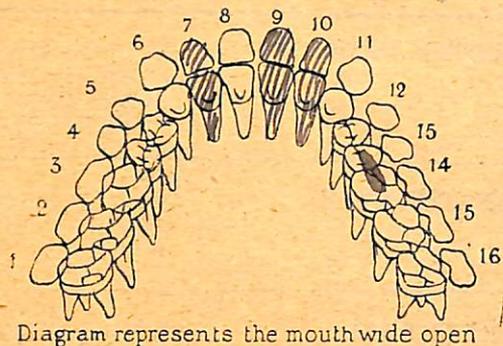
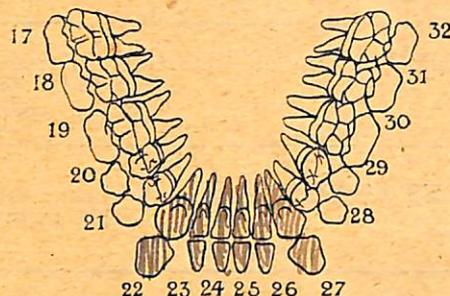


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by E G Scott Approved : R L Fain

E G Scott RB R L Fain, Capt. QMC  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer Approved : A E Dewey

H L Kramer A E Dewey Ist. Lt. QMC  
(Title)

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

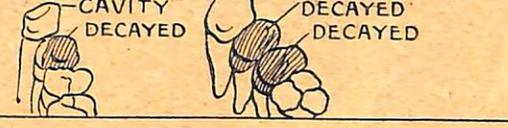
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED</p>
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan. 18, 1922

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

rme.

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COOK, Elbert E.

10. Name

2. No. 1412331

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Bty. C. 119th FA

13. Org.

5. D.D. 12-5-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 308 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None18. Cemetery American Cty.,19. Commune or town Rimancourt,20. Dept. or County Haute-Marne,21. Country France.22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 9223. Disinterred (Date) Jan. 18, 1922By E G Scott

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name COOK, Elbert ESerial No. 1412331Rank PvtOrganization Bty. C. 119th FA  
Gr. 30825. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yesRay Brown  
Signature Junior Technical AssistantRay Brown

## PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

No effects found.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.28. Nature of burial Uniform and wooden box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Jan 18 1922 By E G Scott31. Casket sealed by E G ScottSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor E G Scott)E G ScottAUDITED BY  
RJR 9-6-23

12B8

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-26355.

32. Designation of body:

Name Elbert E. COOK Serial No. 1412331

Rank Pvt. Organization Bty. C. 119th FA

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty., 1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan 18 1922 By E G Scott

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R L Fain Capt QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Jan 18 1922

To point of Concentration Chaumont Ht Marne

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer WALTER F. BROWN  
(Name)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_  
By G.R.S. Representative C. J. BLAKE  
Captain, Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_  
To Permanent Cemetery St Mihiel (1233) Thiaucourt M et M

Convoyer Michael Plotkin Signature Shipping Officer WALTER F. BROWN  
(Name)  
Captain, Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army

40. Received: Date 23 FEB 1922

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_  
C. J. BLAKE G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, Q. M. C.,

41. Reinterred: Aug. 19 1922 19 FEB 1922  
Captain, Q. M. Corps U. S. Army (Date)

42. Grave No. 7 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~Plot~~ Bk. B Row 12

G.R.S. Representative A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

IMPORTANT

JUN 1 1920

You: are requested to furnish this office at the earliest practical moment the name and address of the following named relatives of deceased soldier, - widow, children, father, mother, oldest brother and sister.

If soldier was not married or if relative is dead this information must be shown on the enclosed form before action will be taken on this case.

Although this form is sent to you it is expected, should you not be the nearest living relative, that you will have the nearest living relative, in the above mentioned order, sign the attached form. Prompt action is necessary.

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G.R.S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.

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

tvh MAY 10 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.  
TO: Mrs. Josie Cook, <sup>Box 108 Silmore City</sup> ~~2330 Capitol Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.~~  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Private Elbert E. Cook,

*Rush Answer*

Records of this office show your request to be ~~as follows~~

~~Remains to be~~ ... Not expressed. ... Interned

*Remains in France*

~~Interment in~~

*Form 115 - noted  
6-11-20 MCH*

*over*

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow <i>Wasn't married</i>			
Children (Name oldest first) <i>no children</i>			
Father <i>do not living</i>			
Mother <i>Mrs. Josie Cook</i>	<i>Box 108</i>	<i>Silmore City</i>	<i>Iowa</i>
Brothers <i>Mr. W. F. Cook</i>	<i>Box 108</i>	<i>Silmore City</i>	<i>Iowa</i>
<i>Mr. Earl M. Cook</i>	<i>2613 maple st</i>	<i>Des Moines</i>	<i>Iowa</i>
Sisters <i>Mrs. G. A. Howell</i>	<i>2330 Capital Ave</i>	<i>Renwick</i>	<i>Iowa</i>
<i>Mrs. Leta Douglas</i>	<i>510 E. 17 st</i>	<i>Des Moines</i>	<i>Iowa</i>
<i>Mrs. Jessie Evans</i>	<i>513 maple st</i>	<i>Des Moines</i>	<i>Iowa</i>
<i>Mrs. Dora Cook</i>	<i>Box 108</i>	<i>Silmore City</i>	<i>Iowa</i>
Date <i>May 25 1920</i>		Signature <i>Mrs. Josie Cook</i>	

Address *Box 108 Silmore City Iowa* Relationship *Mother*

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.

MAY 19 1920

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Frank ...*

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

Receipt of this letter will be acknowledged by return of this letter.

Very respectfully,  
Special Agent in Charge

*Remain in France*



*mother Mrs. J. H. Cook*



The receipt of copies will be used  
entirely at Government expense.

Reference:

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A. E. F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

70265

April 14th, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO: Mrs. Josie Cook, 2330, Capitol Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.  
SUBJECT: Private Elbert E. Cook, Battery C., 119th Field Artillery.

In reply to your letter of enquiry with reference to your son, we beg to advise you that as these Headquarters obtain only burial information, we have to-day written to the Chaplain of the 119th Field Artillery, from whom you will doubtless hear in due course, relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of your brave son.

By direction:

CHARLES C. PIERCE.  
Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Per MAURICE B. DIX.  
Captain, American Red Cross.  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/cac.

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON.

70265  
AGU  
MAR 29 1919  
RECORDED  
UNCLASSIFIED

Mrs. Josaphine Cook  
Cambridge, Iowa

Dear Madam:

The War Department desires to ascertain the wishes of the families of officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees regarding the permanent disposition of the bodies of those who have died overseas.

The original plan of the Department was to deliver the body in every case at the home address of the deceased to the person legally entitled to dispose of the remains. A desire has been expressed, however, in numerous instances to have the body remain abroad, and General Pershing is likely soon to enter into negotiations with the French and Allied Governments with the view of establishing permanent cemeteries for members of the American Expeditionary Forces. Marshal Petain in a most courteous letter has informed General Pershing that "France would be happy and proud to retain the bodies of the American victims who have fallen upon her soil."

A bill is now before Congress for the establishment of "Fields of Honor" abroad, which will insure future care by the United States Government as national cemeteries are now cared for. Burials have been made heretofore in cemeteries of the Allied nations or at or near the battle field in land set apart for this purpose as a cemetery, and religious services in accordance with the rites of the Protestant, Catholic, or Hebrew faith have been held at the grave.

In case the remains of a deceased soldier are returned to the United States they will be interred either at the former home of the deceased or at a national cemetery, according to the wishes of the one authorized to direct the disposition of the remains, and all expenses, including transportation, casket, shipping case, flag, and the preparation of the remains for shipment, will be paid by the United States. Hire of a hearse and other burial expenses incurred at the home of the deceased may be paid, on application by the relatives, by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department.

In order that the proper disposition of the remains may be made, and that such disposition be directed by the person entitled to do so, the War Department will recognize the right to direct the disposition of remains in the following order:

In the case of an unmarried man—

- (1) Father; (2) mother, if father is dead; (3) brother, if both parents are dead; (4) sister, if both parents are dead and there are no brothers.

In the case of a married man—

- (1) Wife; (2) parents or children and other relatives in order set forth above.

It is desired that the information indicated on the inclosed card be furnished concerning the person named thereon at the earliest practicable date. If the card is received by some one not authorized to direct the disposition to be made of the remains, please deliver this circular and the card to the person who is entitled to do so.

The Department is unable to state when it will be possible to begin the removal of the remains of the soldiers, but the information requested is being collected at this time in order that there may be no delay when the time comes for such removal.

In returning the card please use the inclosed addressed penalty envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,  
*The Adjutant General.*

W. J. C. Cook

70246

Jan. 31, 1919.

Chief, Graves Registration  
Service.

Headquarters, Service of Supply,

Dear Sir,

The news we received  
from you of the death  
of my son Albert E. Cook  
was the first ~~we~~ we had  
received of his death.

Could you refer us to any  
one who could tell us of  
his death? ~~did~~ was he killed  
or did he die from sickness?

We will be very thankful  
for any information

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concerning the fact  
thanking you very much,  
his brokenhearted mother,  
Mrs. Jasie Cook,  
2330 Capitol Ave.,  
Des Moines, Iowa



Cook, Albert E. 1, 412, 3  
 Pvt. Btry C. 119 F.A.

E.A.

1. En letter ret'd.

Mrs. Josephine Cook  
 Cambridge, Mass.

"unclaimed"

2. Gas File. gives

Mrs. Josephine Cook,  
 Cambridge, Iowa.

3. Carer File

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Mrs Josephine Cook  
 Cambridge, Iowa

not returned.

P.G. shows Cambridge  
 in Mass., also in Iowa.

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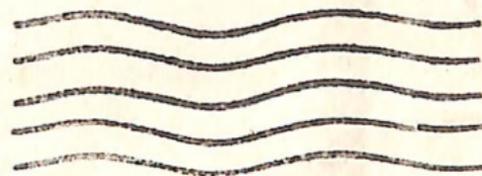
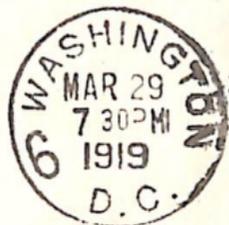
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WAR DEPARTMENT.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300.



MAY 20 1919  
Received Enlisted Division

Received A.G.O.

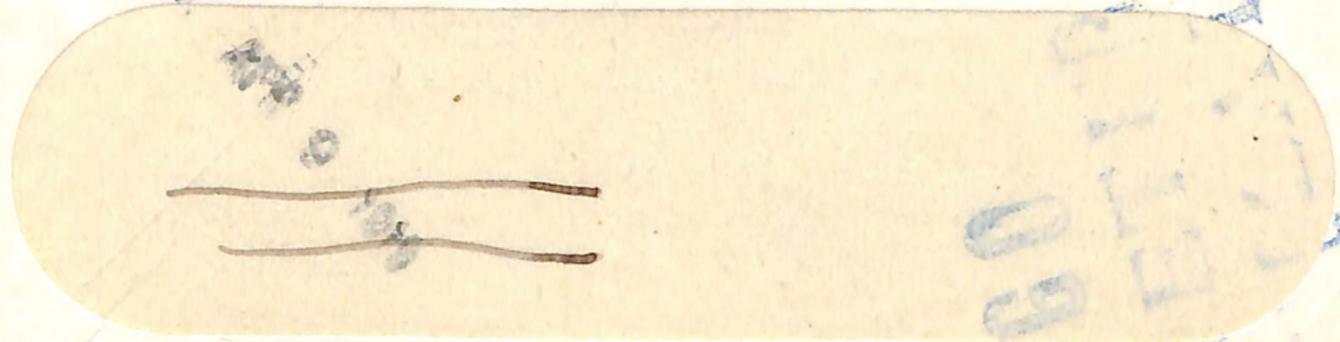
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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF 703

Cook ..... 1412331 ..... Elbert E. ....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private ..... Batt. C. 119. F. A. ....  
(Rank) of death: Base Hosp. #5 (Organization)  
Rimaucourt, Hte. Marne France.

DATE OF BURIAL ..... Dec 6 1918. ....  
Cause of death: Pneumonia Broncho.

PLACE OF BURIAL: Military Cemetery Hospital  
Centre, Rimaucourt, Hte. Marne France.  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must  
specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER ..... 308 .....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Yes ..... Cross?  .....

Headboard?  ..... Bottle?  .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?  Yes .....

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. Joseph Cook .....

ADDRESS: 2330 Capitol Ave.,  
Des Moines, Iowa, USA

RELATIONSHIP: (Mother) .....

REPORTED BY: *Leva Metassaris*  
*Captain M. S. Registrar*

(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.GRS File

2. Soldier's No. 147 331

3. Cook Elbert E.

Surname (block letters) 1st name & initials

4. Pvt. Bat. C. 119th R. A.

Rank Co. Rgt & corp

5. Dec. 5, 1918 Pneumonia

Date of Death Cause if Known

6. December 6, 1918 92

Date of Burial Cemetery

7. 308

Grave No. Plot No. or letter

8. Rimaucourt Mt. Marne

Town-Commune (block letter) Dept.

9. Name beg?  Cross?  Hdheard?  BTLE?

Check method of marking

10. Buried with body?  Attached grave mark

Identification Tags yes or

11. If name unknown, tags missing, give mark

and description

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12. ....

Map reference if interment outside cem

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13. 2nd. Lt. W. W. Williams B. O.

Give name of Chaplain-Burial Officer

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Signed Louis F. Warlick  
Group ..... Unit 303 GRS

