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To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

JAN 7 - 1926

2082

FULL NAME ..... COOK, James

RANK ..... Captain ..... SERIAL ..... none

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Company A, 120th Machine Gun Battalion

*Div-32*

DATE OF DEATH ..... *July 30, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... *Mich*

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

*5-*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... *42* ..... *18* ..... *B*

Date Grave Row Block

608

Cemetery

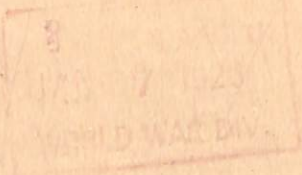
Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General,  
By *RVB*

**AUDITED BY**  
*757 7-31-24*

23/306/ARK

Rec'd World War Di.

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Cook**

**James**

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

**Capt.**

(Rank.)

**Co. A, 120th. M.G. Bn.**

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... **July 31, 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

**At cross roads, Aisne \* Chemin de**

**Gde Com #6 and Aisne \* Chemin de Gde**

**Com # 14 which is .1 Kil. S. of Cour-  
mont.**

GRAVE NUMBER.....

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

**Plot is well enclosed.**

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:

REPORTED BY: **Thomas E. Swan**

**Chaplain 125th Inf.**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Place Seringes (Aisne)

Date June 9.19

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name James Cook

Number: E.108

Rank Capt.

Organization: Co.A. 120th. MG.Bn.

Unit 304

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Disinterred (Date) June 9.19 From: (Give complete location)

Grave # 8 Cemetery #5-Forsberg.

Reburied (Date) June 9.19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 130 Section H. Plot #.3. Cemetery #608 Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

Map #33 Soissons. SE. 275.4N-195.25E

508

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:

Buried 4 feet deep-- Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? None--One on cross.

What other means of identification were found upon the body? None

CONFIRMED 11820 N°D

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the 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, notations whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Cpl.H.J.Voorhies

1st.Lt.Oscar W. Forsberg.

C.O. Group                      Unit 304



DATE 207

RECEIVED  
2 - JUL 1919  
O. C. Q. M.  
G. R. S.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office (State) \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office (State) \_\_\_\_\_

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REPORT OF DISINTEREST AND RESIGNATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Place (State) \_\_\_\_\_

S. F. F. F.



Place CTY 608

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 4.29.21

1. REMAINS OF COOK, JAMES SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 RANK CAPT ORGANIZATION CO. A. 120th M.G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): 4.29.21 From (give complete location): Gr 130 Sect H Plot 3

By: Group BOSSE Unit FIELD SECTION # 7

3. Reburied (date): 4.29.21 In (give complete location): GIVEN NEW GRAVE LOCATION FOR PURPOSE CONCENTRATION GR. 196. Sect. J. Plot. 4.

By: Group BOSSE Unit FIELD SECTION # 7 Nature of reburial PINE BOX & BURLAP

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE  
U.S. UNIFORM AND BURLAP.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
LEATHER BOOTS. OFFICERS CROSSED RIFLES M.G. 120th Inf. & "U.S.N.G."  
OFFICER'S WHISTLE. POCKET BOOK WHICH CONTAINED FRENCH CURRENCY (AMOUNT  
INDETERMINABLE) ALSO FRENCH BANK RECEIPTS SENT TO HQ. A.G.R.S.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) \_\_\_\_\_

IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) \_\_\_\_\_

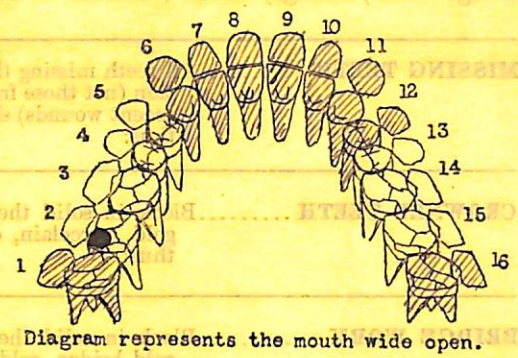
MISSING PARTS: LOWER JAW AND LEFT HUMERUS.

7. Disinterment supervised by HARRY V. BOSSE, SUP. EMB. Approved: H.S. HARPOLE, 1st LT. OMC.

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reburial supervised by HARRY V. BOSSE, SUP. EMB. Approved: H.S. HARPOLE, 1st LT. OMC.

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_



1,6 - 11 incl. 13,16, mis. a.d. 2, a.l. fil. 12, ext.

*Handwritten note:* A-30574






**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."

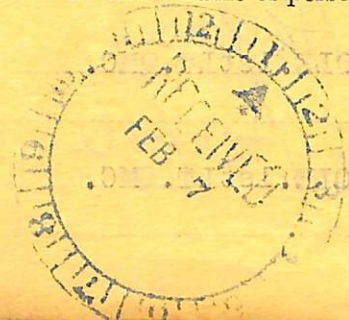
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying 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.

<p><b>MISSING TEETH</b>.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:</p>	
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:</p>	
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:</p>	
<p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:</p>	
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:</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.



CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cook, James	3	3 5 5
BURIED	Cemetery 608	1	2
	Grave 5	2	05
	Row 18	2	18
	Block B	1	2
STATE	Michigan	2	26
RANK	Capt	1	1
DIVISION	32	2	32
ORGANIZATION	120	3	120
ARM	Machine Gun Bn	1	2
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	James	3	3 3 3
RESIDENCE	Leoni C. - Edw. 4713 - Root St - Flint Mich.	2	26
		2	25
		3	029
RELATION	Flint Mich. Mother	1	1
OTHER	Edw.	1	3
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY	(1885)	1	
RACE	WOSM	1	
ENGLISH	W. 1000	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

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**AUDITED**  
*Rain*  
 JUL 27 1932

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QM 293 AM

Cook James (OA)

Los Angeles Calif

Oct 13th - 1932

Captain Chas W Dietz  
Office of QM General  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

Replying to your letter of  
Oct 4th. Am very sorry I am unable  
to assist you in your endeavor to locate  
my sister, Mrs Eliza Vincent. I have  
not been in communication with her  
since 1913. At that time, letters to her  
were returned. We left Los Angeles  
shortly after. Since then, all efforts to  
locate her, or my Brother Joseph W Cook, have  
failed. I tried, through the Veterans  
Bureau to locate them, but was unsuccessful.  
I can not give you the exact  
dates of my Parents deaths. My Mother  
died in the year 1885, at Earlington Kentucky.  
I was 12 years old at the time. My Father  
died near Madisonville Kentucky, in the  
year 1912. My Step Mother did not notify  
me of his death, although he had my

address. I learned of it, through a friend, some two or three months later. At my Mother's death, my Sister Eliza, aged 14 yrs at the time, took charge and acted in the capacity of Mother, until my Father's Second Marriage. This marriage caused the breaking up of the family.

I left home within two months, all the other children did likewise, as soon as they were old enough, I never knew what became of the Step Mother, I never cared:

Should you locate my Brother or Sister, I would appreciate very much if you will give them my address.

Respt yours

Mrs. Taylor Cook.  
4075 So Broadway  
Los Angeles Calif.



QM 293 A-M  
Cook, James (QA)

October 4, 1932

Mr. Mel T. Cook,  
2214 Pasadena Avenue,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not your brother, the late Captain James Cook, is survived by a stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of five years at any time prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address. It will be appreciated if you will also furnish the dates of death of your parents, and the address of your sister, Mrs. Eliza Vincent.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.

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Cook -  
Cook, James Capt. XC 34 036  
Co. A, 120th MG Bn

Born | Earl  
2-3-79 | 8-10-16

Widow remarried

Date of mother's death? Parents died before 1918  
no dates in file

Address of Eliza Vincent - Possible loco? no record  
no active ad. "

Rose OA

Wife - Leon Cook James  
1713 Root st. Flint - Mich

Bus<sup>last</sup> - mail date 7-25-30

Mr T. Cook

2214 Pasadena Ave

Los Angeles  
Cal.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Cook, James - 608 Gdn.

November 18, 1930

Mrs. Leone Cook Somes,  
1713 Root Street,  
Flint, Mich.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence between you and this office relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

It is requested you advise this office of the name of the sister of your late husband, Captain James Cook, who may be eligible to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Act as amended.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.



The name of the sister of my late husband  
Capt. James Cook, is Eliza Vincent, the last  
I knew of here she was in Chattanooga Tenn. I would  
like to know her address so her name could write to  
her. We tried to find her but can't.  
Mrs Leone Cook Somes.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 12, 1930

Cook, James                    608-Gdn

Mrs. Leone Cook Somes  
1713 Root St.  
Flint, Mich.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

*No.*

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

If so, give her name and address:

*No. Widow remarried*

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

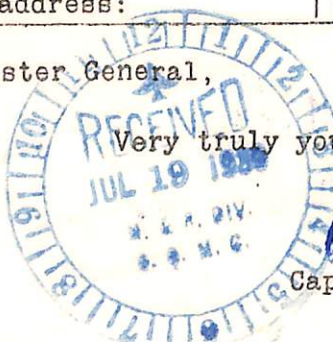
If so, give her name and address:

*A sister who raised him. Last address in Chattanooga Tenn.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment



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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cook, James 608

March 12, 1930

Leone Cook Somes,  
1713 Root Street,  
Flint, Michigan.

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 guardian of the child of the late Capt. James Cook, Co. A, 120th M.C.Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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. 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.

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

DATE 2/11/30

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
COOK, James	Capt		Co. A 120th Mg Bn	July 30/18

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
Michigan	608	5	18	B

		<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	
<u>Check relationship</u>					
MOTHER	:	:	:	:	:
STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	:	:
MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	:	:
MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	:	:
WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:	:	:	:
<i>married man</i>	:	:	:	:	:

*no record*

*wife. R. M. also*

*Son of C-*

*Leone Cook Somes*

*1713 Root St.*

*Flint Mich*

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 34036  
29/156

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cook, James

August 6, 1929.

Mrs. Leone Cook Somes,  
1713 Root St.,  
Flint, Mich.

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 widow of the late **Captain James Cook, Co. A. 120th M. G. Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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:

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|---|--|
| 1. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran? |  |
| 2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?                  |  |
| 3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?                          |  |
| 4. If so, give her name and complete address.                     |  |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

W. Re-married.

34036

Leone Cook Jones,  
1713 Root St.,  
Flint, Mich.

DATE

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

34036

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 25, 1929.

Cook, James

Mrs. Leone M. Cook,  
99 Williams St., Pontiac,  
Michigan.

Xc. 34.036 7/20  
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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 widow of the late Captain James Cook, Co. A, 120th M.G. Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

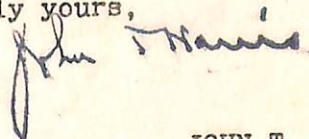
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also 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,



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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 203 A-D

June 28, 1928

Cook, James

Mrs. George H. Cook,  
99 Williams St., Pontiac,  
Michigan.

Handwritten: 7/10  
K.C. 34032

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 3, 1925, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interned in the countries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these countries."

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Captain James Cook, Co. A, 130th M.I. Battalion, whose remains are now interned in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Arras, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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 mother and widow are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the act which states that the term "widow" shall include a woman who was in fact a de facto wife of the deceased, a statement as to her relationship to the deceased. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature

JOHN F. WARD,  
Major, G. M. Corps,  
Assistant



Dept of Congress  
Envelope

QM 293 A-M  
Cook, James (QA)

October 4, 1932

Mr. Mel T. Cook,  
2214 Pasadena Avenue,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not your brother, the late Captain James Cook, is survived by a stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of five years at any time prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address. It will be appreciated if you will also furnish the dates of death of your parents, and the address of your sister, Mrs. Eliza Vincent.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.

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1932 OCT - 4 - PM 2:49

QM 293 A-M  
Cook, James - 808 Gdn.

November 10, 1930

Mrs. Leone Cook Somes,  
1713 Root Street,  
Flint, Mich.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence between you and this office relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

It is requested you advise this office of the name of the sister of your late husband, Captain James Cook, who may be eligible to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Act as amended.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

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

July 12, 1930

Cook, James 608-Gdn

Mrs. Leone Cook Somes  
1713 Root St.  
Flint, Mich.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cook, James 608

March 12, 1930

Leona Cook Somes,  
1713 Root Street,  
Flint, Michigan.

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 guardian of the child of the late Capt. James Cook, Co. A, 120th M.G.Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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. 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.

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, James  
608

Sept. 12, 1929.

Mrs. Leone Cook Sones,  
1713 Root St.,  
Flint, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 6, 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, James

August 6, 1929.

Mrs. Leone Cook Somes,  
1713 Root St.,  
Flint, Mich.

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 widow of the late Captain James Cook, Co. A. 120th M. G. Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran? |  |
| 2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?                  |  |
| 3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?                          |  |
| 4. If so, give her name and complete address.                     |  |

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

June 25 , 1929.

Cook, James

Mrs. Leone M. Cook,  
99 Williams St., Pontiac,  
M i c h i g a n.

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 widow of the late **Captain James Cook, Co. A, 120th M.G. Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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 invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also 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,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

QM 293 A-C

Cook, James

February 15, 1929.

Mrs. Leone M. Cook,  
99 Williams Street,  
Pontiac, Mich.

Dear Madam:

In order to conform to the plans for beautification of the permanent American Military Cemeteries in Europe it has been necessary to make a re-arrangement of the graves in these Cemeteries, which may be considered as permanent for all time.

The enclosed card gives the final resting place of your husband, the late James Cook, Captain, Company A, 120th Machine Gun Battalion.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

LEB

1 Incl.  
Record card.

DISPATCHED  
FEB 15 1929  
M.G.-M.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE January 27, 1928

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name COOK, James *Miel.* 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. No. ----- 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank Captain 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Org. Co. A, 120th M.G.Bn. 32nd Div 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. D.D. July 30, 1918 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. C.D. KIA. (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 42 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot Block B Row 18 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608
- 23. Disinterred (Date) January 27, 1928 By P.N.McCabe
- 24. Inscription on grave marker:
  - Name COOK, James Serial No. -----
  - Rank Captain Organization Co. A, 120th M.G.Bn.
- 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

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).  
Collar ornament ; O X M, X represents cross rifles. Captain shoulder bars and whistle buried with body.
- 27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date January 27, 1928 By P.N.McCabe
- 31. Casket sealed by P.N.McCabe

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*P.N. McCabe*  
P.N.McCabe

5. N. 100350  
1928

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. Designation of body:

Name COOK, James Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank Captain Organization Co. A., 120th M.G.Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) January 27, 1928 By Charles E. Spahn

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

*Charles E. Spahn*  
**Charles E. Spahn**

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred January 27, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 5 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 18

G.R.S. Representative *William E. Moore*

**William E. Moore, Superintendent.**

BEFORE OF DISINTERMENT...  
10 to be labeled in...  
JAN 27 1928  
OISE-AISNE

Place Oise-Aisne Cty. 608

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date January 27, 1928

1. REMAINS OF COOK, James SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

RANK Capt. ORGANIZATION Co. A. 120th M.G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): January 27, 1928 From (give complete location):  
Grave 42, Block B, Row 18

By: Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): January 27, 1928 In (give complete location):  
Grave 5, Block B, row 18

By: Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Box

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Pine box and burlap

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Al. strip

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

Collar ornament X, X represents cross rifles. Captain shoulder bars and whistle buried with M body.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

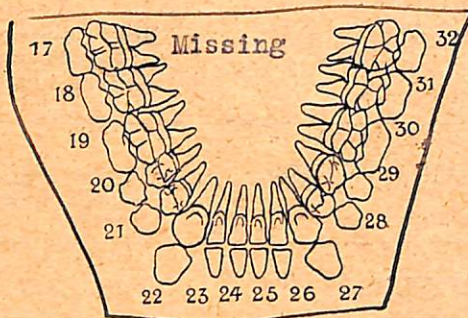
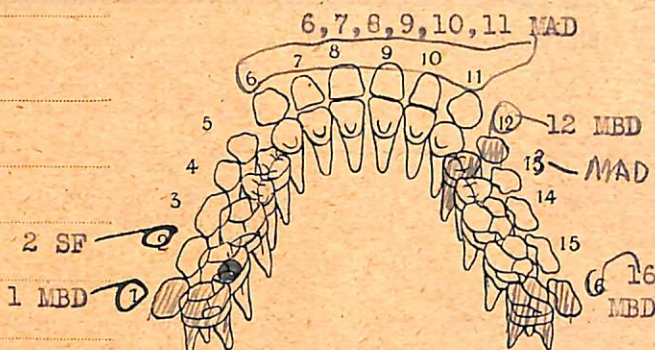
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)

Right radius missing.



7. Disinterment supervised by P. J. McCabe Approved: W. E. Moore

(Title)






8. Reburial supervised by Charles E. Spahn Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

(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.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>	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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
COOK, James - Capt.

October 31, 1925

Mrs. Leone M. Cook,  
99 Williams St.,  
Pontiac, Michigan.

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,

*L. W. Redington*  
L. W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON, D. C.



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE

TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

*Vacant house*

RETURNED TO SENDER

REASON FOR RETURN

Unclaimed.....

Unknown.....

Mrs. Leone M. Cook,

~~99 Williams St.,~~

Pontiac,

Michigan.



Soldier's  Overseas  
Grave

Name James Cook

Rank Captain

Organization Company A, 120th Machine Gun Battalion

Grave No. 42 Row 18 Block B

Cemetery Oise-Aisne American

Location Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France

Cook,

(Surname.)

James

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Captain

Co. A. 120 M. G. Bn.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Widow.

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No.

(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:

Duplicate

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Lorne Mae Cook

99 Williams

Pontiac, Michigan

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

French City,

# C-106

Drawn by RF  
608-593

12-14

Mrs. Leona M. Cook (wife)  
2504 W. 15 St., Waco, Tex

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

Apr 12-14-20

QM 293 A-C

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Very truly yours,

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

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TAL

1-Incl.  
Record card.



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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 8928



I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COOK, James Ser. No. --  
 (b) Rank Capt. Organization Co. A, 120th M/G Bn. } TYP. DB  
 (c) Date of death 7-30-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } CKR. *af*

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

(a) Grave No. 130 Row - Plot 3 Sec. H TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Leone M. Cook, (Wife) 2504 North 15th St.  
Waco, Texas.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CKR. *af*

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt — (6-25-19)

(a) Name Mrs. Leone Mae Cook (b) Relationship Widow  
 (c) Address 99 Williams St. Pontiac Mich.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (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. —

Examiner's Initials PT Date 12-14, 1920.

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

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_  
no corres.

Examiner's Initials PT Date 12-14, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes att

Examiner's Initials att Date 12-14, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 608

SHEET No. 593

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended April 6, 1920

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FORM 115 - A COMPLETED





WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N. J.

B-7

FEB 3 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. Leone M. Cook, 99 Williams Street, Pontiac, Michigan.

SUBJECT: Remains of Captain James Cook, Ser. f --- Co. A, 120th M.G. Bn.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named officer remain in Europe.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Was soldier married? .....

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	St.
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 .....

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_, 192

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ (Relationship.) and nearest living next of kin of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz: (Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

- 1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
- 2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.)
- 3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.
- 4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Station \_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

- 1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.
- 2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
- 3. This paper **MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER** shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
- 4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
- 5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the **LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN** of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
- 6. If **YOU** are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
- 7. If **YOU** are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.
- 8. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
- 9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

ORIGINAL PAPER FILED

CROSS INDEX

QM 293 A-C.

(Spaulding, John)

February 2, 1924.

SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Private John Spaulding.

TO: The Chief, A.G.R.S., Q.M.G., in Europe.

1. Form 16-A for unknown S-102, dated April 20, 1921, since identified as Bud Andrews, Company D, 4th Infantry, shows the body was removed from grave 204, Section J, Plot 4, Cemetery 608, and re-buried in grave 205 on the same day. A body formerly reported as Eba Hanna, Company L, 167th Infantry, later made an unknown, and now thought to be the body of Private John Spaulding was also disinterred from grave 205 on this date. The records of this office do not show what disposition was made of the body from grave 205, formerly Hanna, now possible Spaulding, and it is assumed that it has been held in the morgue since that date inasmuch as unknown S-102 was buried in grave 205 on April 20, 1921.

2. Information is desired as to what disposition has been made of Private Spaulding's body, disinterred from grave 205. It is also desired that a detailed dental chart be submitted, particularly as to missing teeth before and after death. There is no record on file in this office of any missing teeth or dental work having been performed for Private Spaulding.

3. The records of this office show two bodies buried in grave 196, section J, plot 4, Cemetery 608; Oliver Johnson, 96019, Company B, 167th Infantry, and James Cook, Captain, Company A, 120th Machine Gun Battalion, the latter being reported April 29, 1921 on form 16-A. A report is desired concerning the final grave location of each soldier.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

R. L. FOSTER,  
Assistant.

O. Q. M. G.

*[Handwritten signature and initials]*

8928  
Mar 19, 1919.

Major C E Staten  
Graves Registration Officer  
Neufchatau.

Retel G 6 B 7 R period Records show Capt James Cook Co A 120th MG Bn buried in grave  
8 Row A American Battle Area Cemetery Gourmont (Aisne) G 670 B.

O. B.

GARSON.

C. K. NORRIS  
2nd Lieut., G.M.C.  
AGL/ WK  
5:05 PM.

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# FIELD BURIALS

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Report No. ....

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Commune and Department .....

Army Sector No. .... Date ..... Map Reference .....

Place of burial .....

Location of grave or Trench .....

Nature of marking employed .....

NAME	RANK	DIVISION REGIMENT COMPANY	POSITION IN TRENCH	DISPOSAL OF TAGS

Signal Corps, United States Army.  
Telegram.

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CHIEF G R S TOURS

PLEASE WIRE BURIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CAPTAIN JAMES COOK  
ONE TWENTIETH MACHINE GUN BN. PERIOD G 6 B 7 R

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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

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FROM:-

DATE: 3/8/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *Cook, James*

NUMBER

RANK *Capt.* ORGANIZATION

*120<sup>th</sup> M.G. Co*

NO	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① Yes. Co. A.
2.	Date of Death.	② 7-30-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ K/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ # 219
5.	Date buried.	⑤
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑤ off. 8-3-18 Returned 9-3-18
7.	Who reported burial?	⑥ Co. # 564 Grave # Co. A. Co. AMER. B/A. COURMONT, AISNE.
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	⑦ THOMAS F SWAN Chap. 13 <sup>th</sup> Regt
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑧ YES
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑨ Cross
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑩ 1 tag to body
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑪ 1 tag to grave marker
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No?	
N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.		⑫ Mrs. LEONE M. COOK (WIFE) 2504-N-15 <sup>th</sup> ST. WACO, TEXAS
		⑬ Yes 12-9-18

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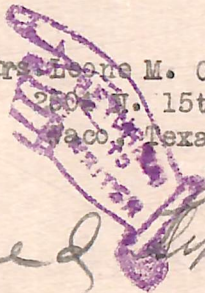
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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cook

James

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Capt.

(Rank.)

Co. A, 120th. M.G. Bn.

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... July 31, 1918.....

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

At cross roads. Aisne \* Chemin de

Gde Com #6 and Aisne \* Chemin de Gde

Com # 14 which is .1 Kil. S. of Cour-  
mont.

GRAVE NUMBER.....

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

Plot is well enclosed.

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: Thomas E. Swan

Chaplain 125th Inf.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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CONFIRMED  
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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

Captain ..... Co. A, 120th M.G. Bn. ....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Approximately Aug. 3/18.  
Reburied Battlefield Cemetery 9/3/18  
PLACE OF BURIAL. Battlefield Cemetery at  
Courmont, France.  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference  
must specify clearly what map is used.

Fere-en-Tardenois Map 1:20000 at  
crosspoint of coordinates 197.12 -  
269.48

Field sketch No. 5-Wynne.

GRAVE NUMBER. 8 Row A.

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: *RP #67*

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

(NAME) *Courmont (Aisne)*  
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks  
(should be given here) *SIT. 33 J. E. COORD {E-197.2} {72-269.4}*

Killed in action.

CONFIRMED

REPORTED BY: *Charles Wynne*  
**Charles J. WYNNE**  
2nd Lt., Inf., U. S. Com'd'g.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

*(Sgt. Miller)* **GROUP N° 1**  
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**Unit 304. G. R. S.**