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DATE

1. NAME **COOK, Ralph L** SERIAL No. **21082**

RANK **Sgt 1st** ORGANIZATION & DIVISION **26th Aero Sqdn S.C.**

GRAVE LOCATION **Amer Cty Issoudun** **Indre** NUMBER **32**

132

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION **132** **Voeu** **Indre**  
As shown on GRS Form 1- A dated 11/24/20 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES **None given**

CONCENTRATED TO **None of record**

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 **None of record** **Oct 20, 1918**

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME **New York**

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED **None**

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS **None of record**

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR **Stanley J. Grogan**  
**STANLEY J. GROGAN, Captain, Infantry.**

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **June 9th, 1922.** **11** **15** **A**  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

**AUDITED BY** **m.m.g.** **6/22/23**  
**St. Mihiel American Cemetery, THIAUCOURT, (M.-et-M.)**

87 Received A. G. O. MAY 25 1925

RECEIVED  
MAY 28 1925  
M. A. I. BUREAU  
D. O. M. S.

Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General,  
MAY 27 1925

World War Div.  
MAY 25 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 16, 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 : OR

Cook, 21082, Ralph L  
 (Rank) (No) (1st name & Initials)

Sergeant 1st. Cl. 26th Aero Squadron.  
 (rank) (Organization)

DATE OF BURIAL: October 21, 1918.Place of Burial: A.E.F. Cemetery #32.

Give Cemetery, Town and Department, Map  
 reference must specify what map used:

GRAVE NUMBER: 132.HOW MARKED: Name Peg? \*\*\* Cross? \*\*\*Headboard? Yes Bottle? Yes

## 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, descrip-  
 tion and marks should be given here:

REPORTED BY:

*R. H. Clark*  
 R. H. CLARK,  
 2nd Lt. A.S.  
 Personnel Officer,

Cook, Ralph L.  
Sgt / cl.

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New York

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S.AMERICA, JULY 2, 1930

Westchester County

Name: Mrs. Mary Adella Cook (J-10)

Address: 178 Martine Ave., White Plains, N.Y.

Route: New York Central R.R. to New York

Lv. White Plains Train No. 1060

2:22 P.M., July 1

Ar. New York (Grand Cent. Terminal)

3:01 P.M., July 1

Accommodations: Coach Service

Elapsed Time: 39 minutes  $\frac{1}{4}$

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Cook	C00	3	355
BURIED Ralph L.	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 11	2	11
	ROW 15	2	15
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	ny	2	37
RANK	Sgt Lic	1	2
DIVISION	a 8	2	44
ORGANIZATION	26	3	026
ARM	a Sq.	1	2
MARITAL	yes	1	1
NAME Cook	C00	3	355
RESIDENCE Olive Augusta	STATE Calif	2	04
	COUNTY Los Angeles	2	19
	CITY Los Angeles	3	036
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Fair	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514/EAB	Age 80 no		802

**AUDITED**  
 OCT 7 1991  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cook, Ralph L. (STM)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Olive A. Cook,  
1648 $\frac{1}{2}$  6th Ave.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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? No.  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Mrs. Olive A. Cook

File No.

1233

OUT-CHARGE SHEET

Date charged out

Charged to

Cook, Ralph L.

Remarks:

See "Pilgrimage Completed"  
File for widow's case.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Cook, Ralph L. Sgt 1cl (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Olive A. Cook,  
1648 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 6th Ave.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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.

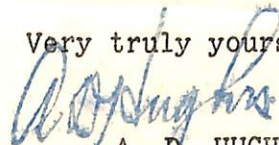
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

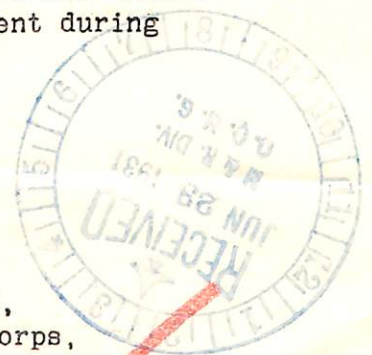
This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,


Very truly yours,

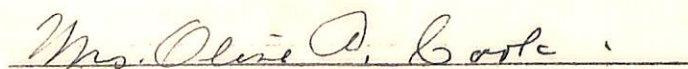


A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.



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

  
Write answer here

  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Cook, Ralph L. - 1233 M

Mrs. Olive A. Cook,  
1648 $\frac{1}{2}$  6th Ave.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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.

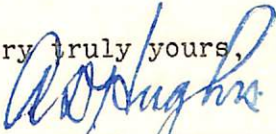
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

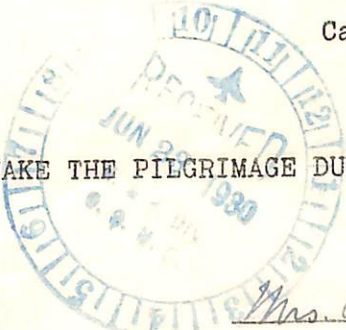
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? Yes

(Write answer here)

  
Mrs. Olive A. Cook  
(Sign here)

# 1233

QM 293 A-C  
Cook, Ralph L.

November 11, 1929.

Mrs. Olive Augusta Cook,  
1648 1/2 6th Avenue,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 21, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

With reference to your daughter accompanying you at her own expense, you are advised that the War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act. Any arrangements which your daughter desires to make to visit the grave of her brother, the late Sergeant Ralph L. Cook, in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, must be made by her personally. You will be advised the date of your sailing and the name of the boat far enough in advance, it is believed, to permit your daughter to communicate with the steamship company with a view to securing accommodations on the boat with you.

With reference to your making a stop-over in New York City, please be advised that while detailed plans for the pilgrimage have not yet been completed, you are assured that The Quartermaster General will be as liberal as possible in granting such requests. The ocean trip will take approximately 8 days in each direction.

There will be no special trains used in connection with the transportation of the pilgrims. All matters of routing and train schedules will be arranged by this office, and the necessary information relative thereto will be furnished you at the proper time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SC:LS

Los Angeles, Cal.,  
Oct. 21, 1929.

QM 293 A-C  
Cook Ralph L. I233 M

John T. Harris, Major Q.M. Corps,

Dear Sir,

In re pilgrimage to cemeteries of France for widows and mothers, would like following information;

1. Can my daughter accompany me, and what would be her expense?

2. I have a son in New York. Could I have a stop-over?

3. About how long a trip will it be on the water?

4. Will there be special trains from the West, or will my passage be good on any train?

Thanking you for this information, and for this opportunity.

Most Sincerely,



Mrs. Olive Augusta Cook  
1648 1/2 6th Avenue

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*Nov 2 1929*  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cook, Ralph L. 1233 M.

October 7 , 1929.

*Approved  
no*

Mrs. Olive A. Cook,  
1648 1/2 6th Ave.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

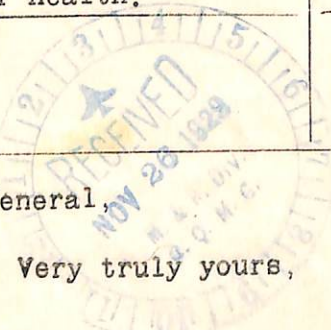
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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> <i>no</i> . (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<del>(Yes)</del> <i>no</i> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	<del>(Yes)</del> <i>no</i> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>80</i> . Health <i>fairly good</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> , <del>(No)</del> Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Cook	Coo	3	355
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 11	2	11
	ROW 15	2	15
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	ny	2	37
RANK	Sgt 1/c	1	2
DIVISION	A.S.	2	44
ORGANIZATION	26th	3	026
ARM	A.S.	1	2
MARITAL	yes	1	1
NAME Cook	Coo	3	355
Mary A della	STATE N.Y.	2	37
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Westchester	2	60
	CITY White Plains	3	166
RELATION	widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	YR. 1938	1	1
29/514/EAB	Yes age 40	1	1

**AUDITED**  
OCT 7 1941  
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File No.

1233

OUT-CHARGE SHEET

Date charged out

Charged to

Remarks:

Cook, Ralph L.

See St. Michael File for  
mother's case.

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Party "J" - Itinerary - St. Mihiel Group

Sailed July 2, 1930 on the AMERICA. Major Rolland Walsh in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 5.30am July 11th. Tender Arrived 5.40am bearing Maj. Dailey and Kinderman; Capt. Saulnier; Lts. Freeman, Gregory, Yarborough and Moroney; 3 nurses; 2 civilian employees. Train left 8.22am. Arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, at 2.15pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff; a detail of interpreters; nurses.

July 12th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by bus at 5pm for Arc de Triomphe. Wreath laid by Mrs. J. M. Frosthelm for party. Other wreathes laid by Mrs. Comeau and Mrs. Greene. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel for dinner. Evening free.

July 13th. Morning free. Sightseeing in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.

July 14th. Left 8.30am for Bar-le-Duc via Rozoy-en-Brie. Sezanne, (Lunch at Hotel de France) Vitre-le-Francois. Arrived 6.30pm. Hotel de Metz.

July 15th. Left 9.30am for Nancy via Thiaucourt, lunch Hotel de Metz. St. Mihiel Cemetery. Arrived Nancy 6.15pm. Grand Hotel.

July 16th. Made daily trips from Nancy to the St. Mihiel American

17th, 18th. Cemetery. Also visited Monument on Mont Sec and Metz.

July 19th. Left Nancy 7.45am for Troyes via Toul, Neufchateau, lunch Hotel du Commerce at Bar-sur-Aube. Arrived 4.45pm. Grand Hotel.

July 20th. Left Troyes 8.30am for Paris via Sens, lunch Hotel Legris at Fontainebleau (visited Chateau). Arrived Paris 6. pm. Dinner at hotel.

July 21st. Sightseeing trip Paris-Notre Dame. Lunch at hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel. Nite sightseeing trip.

July 22nd. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Versailles - Belle Cycliste - Suresnes. Dinner at hotel.

July 23rd. Louvre. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.

July 24th. Boat train for Cherbourg. Lunch on train. Left 11.44am. Arrived Cherbourg 4pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed 5.40pm. Arrived New York August 1st.

Mrs. Mary A. Cook

NAME COOK, MRS. MARY ADELLA

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S. **WARDING** AUG 1 1930 .

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HOME WHITE PLAINS, WESTCHESTER COUNTY  
NEW YORK

R.R. *Nyc to dest*

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE *Aug 30 30*

*Mr. Wm. G. Barrett*

*178 Martine Ave.*

*White Plains, N.Y.*

*no one*

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook

File J 1900

Address White Plain

Stopping at White Lion 8-1-30

With \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

nyc  
750 Am

RECEIVED RAILROAD AND PULLMAN TICKET

Mary Adella Cook

Name COOK, Mrs Mary Adella HOTEL LUTETIA  
Paris Hôtel ~~HOTEL DE PARIS~~ BOULEVARD RASPAIL  
~~BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE~~  
Home address 178 Martine Ave, White Plains, Westchester County, New York  
Party J Group 3 Unit \$\$ AMERICA,  
Date of arrival July 11, 1930. Date of departure \$\$ HARDING, July 24 1930.  
Relationship Widow  
Name of deceased COOK, Ralph L  
Rank Sgt I C1 Organization 26 th, Aero Sq  
Cemetery St. Mihiel

REMARKS

Mary Adella Cook



June 12th, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, New York.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

*Arrived NY 3:01 PM - July 1  
Train 1060 - NY CRP  
Capt Heakent*

George F. B. Taylor,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

*2 tags*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 ROOM 901  
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

*COOK, RALPH L.*

*ST.M.*

Party ..... *J* .....  
 Number ..... *1908* .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

**MRS. MARY ADELLA COOK**

..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

**WHITE PLAINS, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, New York, to WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.**

.....  
 Home Address

**NEW YORK**

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**WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.**

New York, to .....

Destination

**N.Y. CENT TO DEST.**

Via .....

**LIMIT - AUG 30-30**

**AUGUST 2, 1930**

.....  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	<i>GR CENT TERM NYC</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8/2</i>	<i>7:50 am</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>		
AR	<i>White Plains</i>			<i>8:16 am</i>				
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TOTAL .....

Remarks:

*Capt. Funk*

QM 293 A-M  
Cook, Ralph L. 1233-W

September 5, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 2, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage you have recently made to the grave of your husband, the late Sergeant, 1st class, Ralph Cook, in the St. Mihiel Cemetery, France, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

I am very glad to know that you had a satisfactory trip and that you derived great comfort from the visit you made to the grave of the late Sergeant Cook. You are assured that his resting place will receive perpetual care and attention and that the St. Mihiel Cemetery will always be maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make the American cemeteries in Europe fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried in them. The Quartermaster Corps views the satisfaction and comfort which have come to the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage as a full reward for the measures taken and the efforts made to insure for them a comfortable journey.

Orders have this day been issued that an American flag be forwarded to you in memory of your late husband, in the event that one has not already been furnished.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DEWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

ADH  
JTH  
WRG

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JOHN W COLBY

MARY ADELLA COOK

EDWARD S. KOSTER

WILLIAM G. BARRETT  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY REAL ESTATE  
178-180 MARTINE AVENUE  
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.

PHONES WHITE PLAINS 6100 AND 6101

DAVID F. BIRCH

WINBURN L. MAC PHAIL

M. N. GERHARD

September 2, 1930. ✓

*America July 2*

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Mathilda Burling, New York State President of the American Pilgrimage of Gold Star Mothers and Widows, has told me that upon application to your office, that an American flag would be given to each Gold Star person in memory of the one lost in France during the World War.

I sailed with Group "J" from Hoboken, on July 2, 1930, on the SS. America, and while in France visited the grave of my husband, Sgt. 1st Cl. Ralph Cook, of the 26 Aero Squadron, at St. Mihiel American Cemetery, - Grave 11, Row 15, Block A, Thiacourt, France, whose death occurred at Issoudon, on October 20, 1918.

This was a very satisfactory trip, well planned throughout, for which I again thank you. It was a great comfort to visit the cemetery and to know that the graves have such wonderful care.

If flags are being presented to the Gold Star members, I would be glad to have one.

Yours very truly,

*Mary Adella Cook*  
*Sgt. 1st Cl. Ralph L. Cook*  
*1233 W*



QA 293 A-M  
Cook, Ralph L. 1233 W

August 6, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, New York.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation to the United States Government, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS Harding were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DONITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

STATE

Cook, Ralph L.

NEW YORK.....

178 Martine Ave.,  
White Plains,  
Westchester County

W.

NAME ..... Cook, Mrs. Mary Adella ..... HOME ADDRESS .....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN..... *Wm J Barrett 178 Martine Ave.*  
*White Plains.*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE ..... *July 1* ..... HOTEL *New Weston* ROOM NO. *14 Y 3*  
*quarters: Mrs Kittie Davis*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE ..... JUL 2 1930 ..... VESSEL *S/S AMERICA* ..... CABIN NO. .... *112-B*

DESTINATION ..... *Chebourg, France* ..... CEMETERY ..... *St. Mihiel*.....

RETURN NEW YORK

AUG 1 1930

DATE .....

178 Martine Ave.,  
White Plains,

W.  
NAME Cook, Mrs. Mary Adella ..... HOME ADDRESS Westchester Co., N. Y.

RETURN ON S. S. S/S HARDING ..... HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA ROOM NO. No room  
235-A.

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 2 1930

DATE .....

ROAD NYC ..... TRAIN 5 ..... CAR ..... BERTH or SEAT .....

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NAME Cook, Mrs. Mary Adella J

ADDRESS 178 Martine Ave., White Plains, N.Y.

DATE

Aug 1, 1930

TO:

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED  
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED)

(Mrs) Mary Adella Cook

WAR DEPARTMENT



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cook, Ralph L. -1233 W  
America 7-2

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Ave.,  
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

William G. Barrett

Name

178 Martine Ave. White Plains, N. Y.

Address

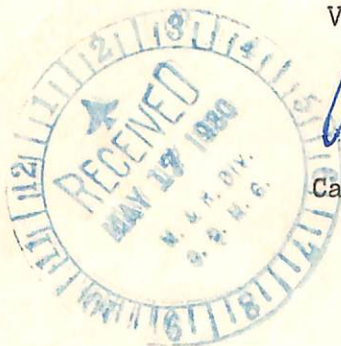
Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*  
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, U. S. Army,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
Env.



JOHN W COLBY

MARY ADELLA COOK

EDWARD S. KOSTER

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PHONES WHITE PLAINS 6100 AND 6101 April 29, 1930.

QM 293 A-C  
Cook, Ralph L. 1233

*Westchester Co*

Ward Department,  
Office of Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter of April 12th, I wish to advise that the friend whom I hoped would accompany me on the pilgrimage to Europe, will not be able to make her plans to take this trip. I have also notified the United States Lines, Washington, D. C. to this effect.

Yours very truly,

*Mary Adella Cook*  
(Mrs. Ralph L.)

*File  
BB*





War. Department,

Office of Quartermaster General,

Washington,

D. C.

WILLIAM G. BARRETT  
178 - 180 MARTINE AVENUE  
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 16, 1930.

Cook, Ralph L. 1233 W

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Ave.,  
White Plains, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

America

7/2/30

1233

*Cook, Joseph L.*

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook

(Name)

178 Martine Ave., White Plains, Westchester Co.,

(Town or City)

N. Y.

(State)



QM 293 A-C  
Cook, Ralph L. 1235

April 12, 1930

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 3, 1930, stating you desire to have a friend accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of your son in Europe.

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of a relative or friend accompanying you nor can it make any arrangements for them. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for your friend to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations you could not travel to the cemetery together, and it is doubtful if you could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If your friend desires to accompany you under these conditions, it is suggested she write for further information to the United States Lines, 1027 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C., who will no doubt be able to give you complete information as to cost of transportation. This company is a commercial line which owns and operates the vessels upon which reservations have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. It is understood, that they have arranged with some of the tourist agencies to take care of any relatives or friends and make all arrangements for their accommodations while in Europe.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

JOHN W COLBY

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April 3, 1930.

QM 293 A-C  
Cook, Ralph L. - 1233

*send invit. July*  
*invitation had been*  
*withheld as she had*  
*stated a preference*  
*for last boat*

War Department,  
 Office of the Quartermaster General  
 Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of April 1st relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

I shall be very glad to be included in the group of mothers and widows from the State of New York who are scheduled to sail on the SS "America" on July 2, 1930.

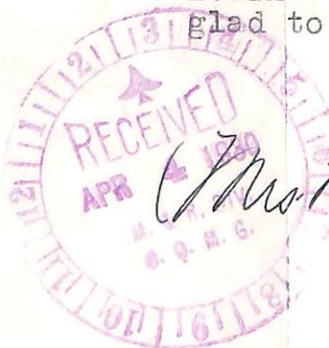
Would it be possible for a friend to accompany me at this time, and about what would the cost be?

When writing you on November 29th, 1929, I was under the impression that pilgrimages would be made in September and October. Since that time I have learned differently, and as above stated, shall be glad to go on July 2, 1930.

Yours very truly,

*(Mrs. Ralph)* Mary Adella Cook

*Invitation will be mailed today for America July 2<sup>nd</sup>*



CM 203 A-3  
Cook, Ralph L.

April 1, 1930

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 25, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised that the groups of mothers and widows from the State of New York are scheduled to sail on the SS "America" July 2, 1930, and it is not too late for you to make arrangements to accompany them if you will notify this office without delay.

There is on file in this office, a letter from you dated November 29, 1929, in which you state that you wish to make the pilgrimage in September or October. As the last sailing for 1930 is to be made the latter part of August, it will be appreciated if you will advise whether you wish to make the pilgrimage with the mothers and widows sailing at that time or whether you wish to go with the New York group on the SS "America" July 2, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, U. S. Corps,  
Assistant.

RS:LS

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March 25, 1930.

QM 293 A-C  
 Cook, Ralph L.

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*Recd. by Mrs. Cook  
 Re. Dept. Act.*

War Department,  
 Office of the Quartermaster General  
 Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Since returning blank that I did not have a friend or relative to take the trip to Europe with me, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929, I have been in communication with a friend who has stated that perhaps she would consider this trip.

Is it too late to make this change, providing she can make arrangements?

I would appreciate it very much if you could give me an idea about when I am scheduled to go to France.

Yours very truly,



*(Mrs. Ralph L.) Mary Adella Cook*

*New York Mothers (1-1)  
 Going July 2<sup>nd</sup>, "America"*

*last boat sails Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>  
 advise office definitely whether she  
 desires trip with rest of mothers or  
 Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>*

QM 293 A-C  
Cook, Ralph L.

December 4, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 29, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

As it is not probable that pilgrimages will be made during the month of October, 1930, a notation has been made of your desire to make the pilgrimage in September. When detailed plans for the pilgrimages have been completed, the necessary information regarding them will be furnished you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SC:LS

178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, N. Y.  
Nov. 29, 1929.

QM 293 A-C

War Department,  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Since writing you on October 14th, 1929 relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929, that I would like permission to take the trip to France during the month of August 1930, I find that this will be impossible for me to make the trip at that time, and am writing to ask if this date may be changed from August 1930 to either September or October 1930.

If there is a blank for this purpose, I shall be glad to sign same.

Yours very truly,



*Mary Adella Cook*  
(Mrs. Ralph Louis Cook)

*Probably Sept but do not  
contemplate any movement  
during Oct. - ask*

QM 295 A-C

*Cfy 1233*

October 23, 1929.

Mrs. Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 14, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

With regard to your making a stop over, Section 2 (e) of the above mentioned Act restricts the War Department from granting stop over privileges which might cause the time spent in Europe to exceed the two weeks provided by the Act.

It has been held that except in unavoidable cases there is no authority of law to extend the time specified in Section 2 (e) of the Act to cover these pilgrimages or to grant requests of individuals to leave the groups to which assigned.

Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring for other than unavoidable reasons an extension of time or variation of the itinerary can be granted such extensions or variations only upon the condition that all further expense of the pilgrimage, after leaving the group, will be borne by the individuals concerned, including the return transportation to their homes.

It is suggested that you state on the blank sent you on October 7, 1929, that it is your desire to make the trip in August 1930. When arrangements of the groups are made, your wishes in the matter will be followed in so far as practicable.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SC/p

*293  
Cook,  
Rachel  
J.*

178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, N. Y.,  
Oct. 14, 1929.

War Department,  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of October 7th, and am desirous of taking the trip to Europe as per enclosure.

I would like to inquire whether or not it would be possible for me to stay in Europe, at my own expense, for about two weeks longer than the time allotted by the Government, and return to the United States by boat scheduled by the Government, at the expiration of that time.

Also is the time of the pilgrimage stated by the Government, or could it be arranged for me to make the trip the early part of August 1930?

Yours very truly,  
*(Mrs.) Mary Adella Cook*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cook, Ralph L. 1233 W.

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Ave.,  
White Plains, N. Y.

October 7, 1929.

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OCT 15 1929  
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Purchase 20/1930 List  
Protection made on  
and Gard Tomb in  
Self.

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) ✓	<del>(No)</del>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) ✓	<del>(No)</del>
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 40 Health (Years) (Good) ✓	<del>(Poor)</del>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) ✓	<del>(No)</del> Other language <i>None at present</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

1233

178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, N.Y.,  
May 31, 1929.

QM 293 A-C  
Cook, Ralph L.

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

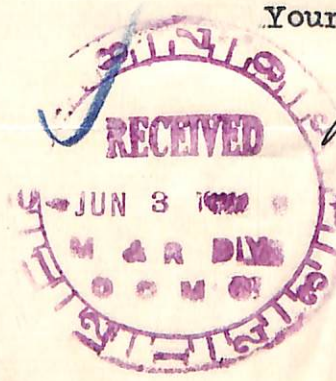
Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 28th regarding Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, "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" has been received.

My late husband's mother is Mrs. Olive A. Cook, of 1648 1/2 6th Avenue, Los Angeles, California, where you may reach her by letter.

Please change my address on your records from 94 Fisher Avenue, White Plains, New York, to 178 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York, which address has been used on Compensation and Insurance checks for the past four or five years.

Yours very truly,



Mary Adella Cook  
(Mrs Ralph L.)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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

May 28, 1929.

Mrs. Mary A. Cook,  
~~24 Fisher Ave.,~~  
White Plains, N. Y.

*see letter*

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 <sup>late</sup> ~~Sergeant, first class, Ralph L. Cook, 26th Aero Squadron, whose re-~~ ~~mains 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 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cook, Ralph L. (STM)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Olive A. Cook,  
1648 1/2 6th Ave.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Cook, Ralph L. Sgt 1cl (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Olive A. Cook,  
1648½ - 6th Ave.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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.

0414 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

JOHN W COLBY

MARY ADELLA COOK

EDWARD S. KOSTER

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DAVID F. BIRCH

WINBURN L. MACPHAIL

M. N. GERHARD

September 18, 1930.

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

As a member of Group "J" of the American Gold Star Pilgrimage to visit the battlefields in France this past summer, I wish to thank you for the American flag received a day or two ago in memory of my late husband <sup>295</sup> Ralph L. Cook, who is buried in St. Mihiel Cemetery.

Yours very truly,

*Mary Adella Cook*



*Kille  
H. M. M.*

QM 293 A-M  
Cook, Ralph L. 1233-W

September 5, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 2, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage you have recently made to the grave of your husband, the late Sergeant, 1st class, Ralph Cook, in the St. Mihiel Cemetery, France, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

I am very glad to know that you had a satisfactory trip and that you derived great comfort from the visit you made to the grave of the late Sergeant Cook. You are assured that his resting place will receive perpetual care and attention and that the St. Mihiel Cemetery will always be maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make the American cemeteries in Europe fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried in them. The Quartermaster Corps views the satisfaction and comfort which have come to the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage as a full reward for the measures taken and the efforts made to insure for them a comfortable journey.

Orders have this day been issued that an American flag be forwarded to you in memory of your late husband, in the event that one has not ~~already~~ been furnished. *previously*

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

✓ X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

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QM 293 A-M  
Cook, Ralph L. 1233 W

August 6, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Hartine Avenue,  
White Plains, New York.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation to the United States Government, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS Harding were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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read carefully the suggestions made above.  
Cook, Ralph L. 1233-It will add greatly to June 12, 1930, through-  
out the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out success-  
fully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being  
Mrs. Mary Adella Cook, and widow who has accepted the invitation sent  
178 Martine Ave.,  
White Plains, N. Y.

For The Quartermaster General,

Dear Madam:

Very truly yours,

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Cook, Ralph L. - 1233

June 10, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Ave.,  
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. White Plains	NYC R.R.	Train No.1060	2:22 PM	July 1
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All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Cook, Ralph L. - 1233 M

Mrs. Olive A. Cook,  
1648 $\frac{1}{2}$  6th Ave.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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)

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(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1950.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cook, Ralph L. -1233 W  
America 7-2

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martins Ave.,  
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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Name

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Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

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 A-C

Cook, Ralph L. 1233W  
America 7-2

May 6 1930

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Ave.,  
White Plains, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 16, 1930.

Cook, Ralph L. 1233 W

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Ave.,  
White Plains, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 298 A-C  
Cook, Ralph L. 1233

April 12, 1930

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 3, 1930, stating you desire to have a friend accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of your son in Europe.

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of a relative or friend accompanying you nor can it make any arrangements for them. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for your friend to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations you could not travel to the cemetery together, and it is doubtful if you could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If your friend desires to accompany you under these conditions, it is suggested she write for further information to the United States Lines, 1027 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C., who will no doubt be able to give you complete information as to cost of transportation. This company is a commercial line which owns and operates the vessels upon which reservations have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. It is understood, that they have arranged with some of the tourist agencies to take care of any relatives or friends and make all arrangements for their accommodations while in Europe.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Cook, Ralph L.

April 1, 1930

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 25, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised that the groups of mothers and widows from the State of New York are scheduled to sail on the SS "America" July 2, 1930, and it is not too late for you to make arrangements to accompany them if you will notify this office without delay.

There is on file in this office, a letter from you dated November 29, 1929, in which you state that you wish to make the pilgrimage in September or October. As the last sailing for 1930 is to be made the latter part of August, it will be appreciated if you will advise whether you wish to make the pilgrimage with the mothers and widows sailing at that time or whether you wish to go with the New York group on the SS "America" July 2, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, U. S. Navy,  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Cook, Ralph L. 1233-W

March 25, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Ave.,  
Dear Madam:  
White Plains, N. Y.

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

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and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Cook, Ralph L.

December 4, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 29, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

As it is not probable that pilgrimages will be made during the month of October, 1930, a notation has been made of your desire to make the pilgrimage in September. When detailed plans for the pilgrimages have been completed, the necessary information regarding them will be furnished you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Cook, Ralph L.

November 11, 1929.

Mrs. Olive Augusta Cook,  
1648 1/2 6th Avenue,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 21, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

With reference to your daughter accompanying you at her own expense, you are advised that the War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act. Any arrangements which your daughter desires to make to visit the grave of her brother, the late Sergeant Ralph L. Cook, in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, must be made by her personally. You will be advised the date of your sailing and the name of the boat far enough in advance, it is believed, to permit your daughter to communicate with the steamship company with a view to securing accommodations on the boat with you.

With reference to your making a stop-over in New York City, please be advised that while detailed plans for the pilgrimage have not yet been completed, you are assured that The Quartermaster General will be as liberal as possible in granting such requests. The ocean trip will take approximately 8 days in each direction.

There will be no special trains used in connection with the transportation of the pilgrims. All matters of routing and train schedules will be arranged by this office, and the necessary information relative thereto will be furnished you at the proper time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

October 25, 1929.

Mrs. Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Avenue,  
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 14, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

With regard to your making a stop over, Section 2 (e) of the above mentioned Act restricts the War Department from granting stop over privileges which might cause the time spent in Europe to exceed the two weeks provided by the Act.

It has been held that except in unavoidable cases there is no authority of law to extend the time specified in Section 2 (e) of the Act to cover these pilgrimages or to grant requests of individuals to leave the groups to which assigned.

Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring for other than unavoidable reasons an extension of time or variation of the itinerary can be granted such extensions or variations only upon the condition that all further expense of the pilgrimage, after leaving the group, will be borne by the individuals concerned, including the return transportation to their homes.

It is suggested that you state on the blank sent you on October 7, 1929, that it is your desire to make the trip in August 1930. When arrangements of the groups are made, your wishes in the matter will be followed in so far as practicable.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cook, Ralph L. 1233 W.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Adella Cook,  
178 Martine Ave.,  
White Plains, N. Y.

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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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October 7, 1929.

Cook, Ralph L. 1233 N.

Mrs. Olive A. Cook,  
1648 $\frac{1}{2}$  6th Ave.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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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,

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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, Ralph L

May 28, 1929.

Mrs. Mary A. Cook,  
94 Fisher Ave.,  
White Plains, N. Y.

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 Sergeant, first class, Ralph L. Cook, 26th Aero Squadron, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Moselle, 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.

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*Sgt* Cook

(Surname.)

Ralph L.

(Christian name in full.)

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(Army serial number)

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(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Wife*

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:

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(Name of person to receive remains.)

~~X~~  
(Express office.)

~~X~~  
(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs. Ralph L. Cook*

*94 Fisher Avenue*  
(Number and street or rural route.)

*White Plains*  
(City, town, or post office.)

*N.Y.*  
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Went overseas as Sgt and then was demoted to  
Pvt. 1st cl per casualty report.

OKB/6/24/19

*Franklin*

*32 - (30)*

*3/11/21*

*rechecked*

*3.11.21*

November 27, 1923.

Mrs. Mary A. Cook,  
94 Fisher Ave.,  
White Plains, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

**R. L. FOSTER**  
Assistant.

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CENTRAL MAIL ROOM



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Cook,  
Ralph  
L.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 25th 1921

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, Ralph L**

2. No. **21082**

3. Rank **Sgt 1st cl.**

4. Org. **26th Aero Sqdn**

5. D.D. **10-20-14**

6. C.D. **Appendicitis**

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

11. No. **12**

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

(b) D.B. **none**

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. **132** Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_ **none**

18. Cemetery **Amer**

20. Dept. or County **Indre**

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **32**

19. Commune or town **Issoudun**

21. Country **France**

23. Disinterred (Date) **Nov 25th 1921**

By **E.G.Scott**

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name **Ralph L. Cook**

Rank **Sgt 1/c**

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Organization **26th Aero Sqdn.**

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? **yes** On body? **no**

*R. W. Saylor*  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
**R.W.Saylor**

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).

**Sgt. 1/c chevrons on sleeve of uniform. Bottle record agrees with GRS form.**

27. Condition of body **badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.**

28. Nature of burial **uniform and French metallic casket.**

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? **none**

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date **Nov 25th 1921** By **E.G.Scott**

31. Casket sealed by **E.G.Scott**

AUDITED BY Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) **E.G.Scott**

*E. G. Scott*

MT

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

32. Designation of body:

Name Ralph L Cook Serial No 21082

Rank Sgt 1st Organization 26th Aero Sqdn

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov 25th 1921 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 S.H. Hunsicker

S.H. Hunsicker, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks none

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

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

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 Nov 30th 1921

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. 1233, Thiacourt, (M-et-M)

Convoyer R.E. Williams (Name)

Signature Shipping Officer A.M. Jackson

A.M. Jackson, Capt. CAC

40. Received: Date 6 DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative F.B. Daniel, Capt. 2MC

41. Reinterred June 9, 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No. 11 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block A Row 15

G.R.S. Representative A.E. Dewey

A.E. DEWEY 1st Lt QMC

Place ~~XXXX~~ Issoudun

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 25th, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF COOK, Ralph L. SERIAL NUMBER 21082  
 RANK Sgt. 1st. cl. ORGANIZATION 26th. Aero Sqdn.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 25, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 132, CEM. 32.

By: Group Four (4) Unit Section 5.

3. Reburied (date): June 9, 1922 In (give complete location) Gr 11 Row 15 Block A

By: Group Reburial Unit Casket and shipping Case  
 Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Badly decomposed, ~~XXXX~~ features unrecognizable, uniform and pine box

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? no On grave marker? yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Bottle record agrees with G.R.S. records

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp. to determine

(c) Hair—Color Light Brown

Quantity Medium

Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

Location nose

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none

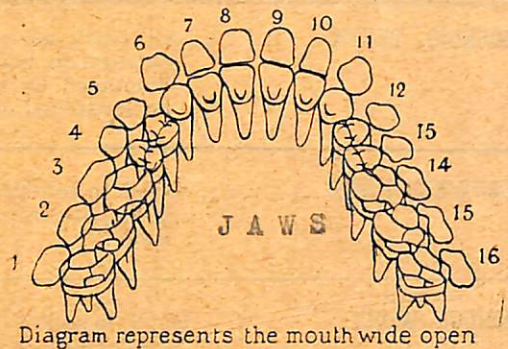
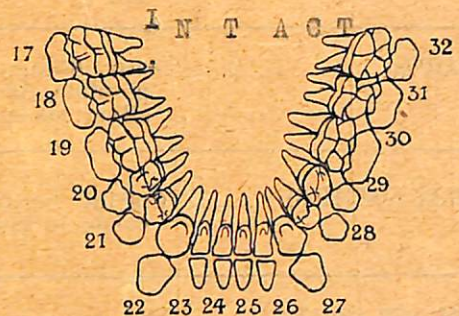


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

Post mortem on chest and abdomen

checker, R.W. SAYLOR

7. Disinterment supervised by E.G. SCOTT Approved S.H. HUNSTICKER, 1st. QMC  
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by H.L. Kramer Approved A.E. Dewey 1st 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), bicuspid (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:	
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	
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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #40450

*2/20/22 Examined  
for Concentration  
Sgt. Michael #1233  
at 3/11/22*

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COOK, Ralph L. Ser. No. 21082 )  
(b) Rank Sgt. 1/c Organization 26th Aero Sqd. ) TYP. HDP  
(c) Date of death 10-20-18 of death Appendicitis ) CKR. CR

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

(a) Grave No. 132 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- ) TYP. HDP  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. R.L. Cook (Wife) 68 Hamoroneck Ave. White Plains, N.Y.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases: No Card ) CKR. CR

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs. Ralph L. Cook (b) Relationship Wife  
(c) Address 94 Fisher Ave, White Plains, N.Y.  
(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 a a Date 3-19-1920

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

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials gpb Date 3/19/1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows: no request

for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes - y. y. B

Examiner's Initials y. y. B Date 5-19-1920

*rechecked CR  
331-21*

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-

( cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920  
( letter on 4/24/ 1920

*Not to be returned W.D.*

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE	ACTION TAKEN
Desires body be	<i>6/29/20</i> <i>Letter:</i> OVERSEAS, ADVISED
Body to be shipped to	<i>Not to be returned. W.D.</i>

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*5/29/20 Widow on form 120 Requested body not returned. W.D.*

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

MAY 26 1920

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Rush Answer

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

TO: Mrs. Ralph L. Cook, 94 Fisher Ave. White Plains, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Remains of 1cl. Sgt. Ralph L. Cook.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his  
body be Not returned to U.S.

*Records are correct 6/24/40 Letter* *no change*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Date *6/28/40* *wd*

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>Mary Adella Cook, 94 Fisher Ave. White Plains, New York</i>		
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3. <i>None</i>		
Father	<i>Not living</i>		
Mother	<i>Mrs. Olive A. Cook, 1811 So. Bronson Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.</i>		
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2. <i>Arthur R. Cook, 1042 Union St., Brooklyn, N.Y.</i>		
Sisters	<i>Charlotte A. Cook, 1811 So. Bronson Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.</i>		
Date	<i>May 29, 1920</i>		
Address	<i>White Plains, N.Y.</i>		
Relationship	<i>wife</i>		
Signature	<i>Mary Adella Cook</i>		

Note: - Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

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The transfer of bodies  
generally at Government expense

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper **MUST** be signed by the person who is the **NEXT** of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. 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.
4. If **YOU** are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If **YOU** are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

Office of the Quartermaster General  
Adjusted Made  
APR 23 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-O  
Information requested of A.G.O. Date 3-14-21

File No. Registration.

(SPECIAL)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname COOK, ✓
- b. Christian name Ralph L. ✓
- c. Serial Number 21082 ✓
- d. Organization 26th Aero Sqd. ✓  
~~or (26th Aero Sqdn. Sig.C.)~~
- e. Rank Sgt. 1/c ✓
- f. Date of death 10-20-18 ✓
- g. Cause of death Appendicitis ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

R.W.  
3-19-21

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
upper right								upper left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
lower right								lower left							

Donnelly - mnt - ops  
3-15-21 - J.W.G.

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY: *[Signature]*  
H. J. SCHNER,  
1st. Lieut, Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 32  
SHEET NO: 30  
TYPED BY: VH.  
S/713/LML

Rec'd World War Dept.  
MAR 15 1921

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MAR 10 1921

REC'D S & S Div., A.G.O.  
MAR 15 1921 8

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GRAVE LOCATION BL

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Location of the grave of :

Cook, 21082, Ralph L  
 (Rank) (No) (1st name & Initials)

Sergeant 1st.Cl. 26th Aero Squadron.  
 (rank) (Organization)

DATE OF BURIAL: October 21, 1918.

Place of Burial: A.E.F. Cemetery #32.

Give Cemetery, Town and Department, Map  
 reference must specify what map used:

GRAVE NUMBER: 132.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? \* \* \* Cross? \*\*\*

Headboard? Yes Bottle? Yes

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, descrip-  
 tion and marks should be given here:

REPORTED BY:

*R. H. Clark*  
 R. H. CLARK,  
 2nd Lt. A.S.  
 Personnel Officer,

25 Oct 1918

Cool, Ralph  
40450

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26 OCT. 1918  
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FILE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
INTERMEDIATE QUARTERMASTER DEPOT NO. 5, S.O.S.  
Office of Depot Quartermaster.  
USAFC #724,

France, October 23, 1918.

FROM: Depot Quartermaster.  
TO: Quartermaster General of the Army,  
(Thru C.Q.M., A.E.F.)  
SUBJECT: Report of death.

1. In compliance with paragraph 167 A.R. report death of following named soldier:

Name and rank: Cook, Ralph L., Sergeant.  
Organization: 26th Aero Squadron, A.S.  
Date of death: October 20, 1918.  
Cause of death: Intestinal Paresis (Following Operation for Appendicitis)  
Death is in Line of Duty and not result of soldier's misconduct.  
Disposition of remains: Buried in U.S. Army Cemetery No. 32, A.E.F., 3rd Aviation Instruction Center. Grave No. 132  
Date of burial: October 21, 1918.  
Cost of preparation of remains and coffin: NO COST TO GOVERNMENT.

*Journal*

*Charles W. Godfrey*  
Charles W. Godfrey,  
Major, Q.M. Corps.

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26 OCT 1918

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