

HENRY LOUIS COOK (KOCH)

U. S. Army 13th Field Artillery Supply Company

American Expeditionary Forces

Henry Louis Cook, born in Wheeling, West Virginia, on May 30, 1895, was the son of August Joseph Cook and Effie Rebecca Brand.

1900 Federal Census, Wheeling:

4358 Wetzel Street

August Koch, 34, b Mch 1866, married 16 years, b W.Va., Shearman in Plate Mill

Rebecca E., 34, b Aug 1866 in W.Va., 6 children/5 living

Stella M., Dau., 12, b Sep 1887 in W.Va.

Mary E., Dau., 9, b Dec 1890 in W.Va.

Effie J., Dau., 7, b Dec 1892 in W.Va.

Henry L., Son, 5, b May 1895 in W.Va.

Edward W., Son, 2, b Sep 1897 in W.Va.

By 1910, the census of Wheeling indicates that four more children were added to the Cook family: Elsie, George, Ethel and Gordon. Another son, Melvin, was born soon after that census. Mr. Cook was employed as a hustler at the Stamping Works.

Henry Louis Cook registered for the draft to serve in World War I.

Form 1		REGISTRATION CARD		No. 34	
1	Name in full	Henry Louis Cook	Age, in yrs.	22	
2	Home address	434 Coal St., Wheeling, W. Va.			
3	Date of birth	May 30 1895			
4	Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	Natural born			
5	Where were you born?	Wheeling, W. Va., America			
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?				
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office?	Machinist 19			
8	By whom employed?	Wheeling Stamping Co.			
	Where employed?	21st Major St. Wheeling, W. Va.			
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)?	Mother and two brothers			
10	Married or single (which)?	Single Race (specify which)? Caucasian			
11	What military service have you had? Rank	None			
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	No			
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.					
4371-1368		Louis Cook (Signature of registrant)			

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1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)?	Medium	Slender, medium, or stout (which)?	Slender	
2	Color of eyes?	Brown	Color of hair?	Black	
			Build?	No	
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both ears, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?	No			
I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:					
John A. McCreary (Signature of Registrar)					
Precinct 3					
City or County Wheeling					
State West Virginia					
6/5/17 (Date of Registration)					

PRIVATE COOK TELLS OF LIFE IN GERMANY

Is With American Forces in Mountain
in Germany—Writes Interesting
Letter.

The following letter was written by Private Henry L. Cook of the 13th field artillery supply company, stationed in France, to his sister, Miss Mary Cook of 10 Pike street, this city:

Dear Sis—Just a few lines to let you know I arrived here O.K. and am feeling fine. I am up in a place they used to call Germany, but the American boys have hold of it now. I was on a trip from Sunday noon till Wednesday evening. I sure did have some time on my way here. We traveled through some of the battlefields and several towns that were blown to pieces. We got off at a couple of places and got to look a few things over. I can tell you a lot of things that I can't tell you in my letters. All the boys up here have been on the front, and they sure can tell some stories. Well, Mary, I don't know how long it will be now till I am back. The boys up here think we won't get back till next fall, but if I have to stay that long I am not going to worry about it. We have a nice place here. We are sleeping in houses some places. I start to work Monday. I guess I will get to work in a machine shop. They have little shops on trucks. I have only worked one day since I have been here, and that was out in the woods getting wood to burn in the kitchens, and while I was out there I saw five deer. It sure would be good deer hunting out here. We are located out in the mountains. We rode out here in a truck, and it sure was a nice ride. I saw a palace built up on a big point and it sure did look swell, and there was a big American flag on the top. Tell all the boys hello. I guess it will be a while before I can tell them myself. I expects ma thinks I am never coming home, but tell her not to worry, for I am feeling fine and still as fat as ever. Well, Mary, I guess this will be all for today, so good-bye. Love for all.

Private Henry L. Cook,
13th Field Artillery Supply Co., A. P.
O. 746, American Expeditionary
Forces.

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Henry L. Cook, 24, and Leona O'Leary, 23, both born in Wheeling, were married in Wheeling on June 25, 1919.

In the 1930 census, Henry, a Die-maker at the Stamping Company, and "Margaret" were the parents of Margaret, 9, and Thelma, 7. The family lived on 28th Street, Wheeling. In 1940, Henry L. and Margaret L. lived on Byron Street, Wheeling, with their two daughters. Henry was a machinist at the Stamping Company.

Leona O'Leary Cook, born June 17, 1896, daughter of David O'Leary and Susan Condon, died January 6, 1970. She is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling.

Henry Louis Cook, 87, a resident of 1143 Main Street, Windsor Manor, Wheeling, died on February 13, 1983 at Ohio Valley General Hospital. He was survived by his two daughters, Margaret June Winters, Wheeling, and Thelma Wagner, New Jersey.