



Personal info

Full name

COOK, Jack

Date of birth

1925

Age

unknown

Place of birth

New York

Hometown

Queens, Queens County, New York

Military service

Service number

42006641

Rank

Private First Class

Unit

**F Company,
2nd Battalion,
513th Parachute Infantry Regiment,
17th Airborne Division**

Awards

**Silver Star,
Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster**

Death & Grave

Status

Died of Wounds

Date of death

6 April 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
F	21	20

Immediate family

Members

Ernest R. Cook (father)

More information

Pfc Jack Cook enlisted in Newark, New Jersey on 28 July 1943.

His enlistment records mention that he was born in 1925 (so he would be 18), but in fact he was only 14 years old at enlistment.

He participated in the Battle of the Bulge in January 1945 and Operation Varsity.

He was reported wounded in action on 30 March 1945. He died on 6 April 1945 at the age of 16. He is the youngest soldier buried at Margraten.

He was awarded the Silver Star Medal posthumously for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, "The Skymen" by Kirk B. Ross, <http://www.ww2-airborne.us/>, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record

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