

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### 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

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### Members

Ernest R. Cook (father)

## More information

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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

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

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