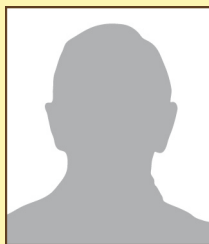




Army Service Corps  
Attd: 185th Tunnelling  
Coy. Royal Engineers  
Service No. M/317832



## Private VICTOR COOK

Born in Barton Stacey in 1889.

Died of bronchopneumonia  
on 14th November 1918.

Aged 28.

VICTOR COOK was born in 1889 in Barton Stacey and was a domestic coachman. He was a son of blacksmith Albert Cook and his wife Fanny Stone. They moved from Wherwell to Fullerton in the mid-1870s before settling in Barton Stacey village around 1880, where they lived close to the Vicarage. Victor was one of eleven children. He had older siblings Elfreda Ellen, Alice Jane, Charles, William John, George, Albert, Fred, Edward, Emily Ada and a younger brother Ernest. His brother Edward died in Greece in 1916.

He married Rosina Mary Andrews in 1913 and their home was at 14 City Road, Winchester. No children are known to this marriage.

He enlisted in 1915 as a Private in the Army Service Corps as a motorised vehicle driver.

He was then attached to the 185th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers, in October 1915 at Rouen, France, and remained part of the unit for the remainder of the Great War.

It was during the 'Great Advance to Victory', in the pursuit of the retreating German Army to Mons in October 1918, that he was admitted to the Military Base Hospital at Etaples, suffering from bronchopneumonia.

He died from his illness on 14th November 1918.

He is buried in the Etaples Military Cemetery, Grave Reference L.C.6.

## ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY



The cemetery is the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in France. It contains 10,771 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, the earliest dating from May 1915.