

	Name:	2/Lt Charles Stanley Blannin COOK 1/8th (City of London) Post Office Rifles	
Age	Parents:	Albert Brooks COOK (born Sept Qu 1840 in Axbridge Reg District, SOM, ENG - died 13 Jun 1896 in Jacquville, Cote d'Ivoire, West Coast of Africa) and Elizabeth BLANNIN (born about 1854 in Bristol, GLS, ENG - died 15 Feb 1919)	
39	Life Range	1877 - 15 Sep 1916	
	Marriage Status:	This person had no relationships and no children	
-37	Sept Qu 1840	Birth of Father:	Albert Brooks COOK (born Sept Qu 1840 in Axbridge Reg District, SOM, ENG - died 13 Jun 1896 in Jacquville, Cote d'Ivoire, West Coast of Africa). In Axbridge Reg District, SOM, ENG.
~23	Abt 1854	Birth of Mother:	Elizabeth BLANNIN (born about 1854 in Bristol, GLS, ENG - died 15 Feb 1919). In Bristol, GLS, ENG.
0	1877	Birth:	Clifton Reg. Dist., GLS, ENG.
4	1881	Census:	Fishponds, Stapleton, GLS, ENG. In Manor Road: Elizabeth COOK , head, married, age 27, born Bristol Leonard B. COOK, son, age 7, scholar, born Fishponds, Gloucestershire Albert E. COOK, son, age 5, scholar, born Fishponds, Gloucestershire Charles S. COOK, son, age 4, scholar, born Fishponds, Gloucestershire Bessie I. COOK, daughter, age 2, born Fishponds, Gloucestershire Elizabeth BLANNIN, mother, widow, age 65, Retired ... (?), born Dorset Margaret M. COOK, daughter, age 1 month, born Fishponds, Gloucestershire Mary E. LOVELACE, Governess, age 19, born Dorset [Plus a nurse and one servant.] [Class: <i>RG11</i> ; Piece: <i>2506</i> ; Folio: <i>112</i> ; Pages: <i>25 & 26</i> ; GSU roll: <i>1341604</i>]
14	1891	Census:	Fishponds, Stapleton, GLS, ENG. At 5 (?) Manor Road [head of household absent]: Elizabeth COOK , wife, married, age 37, born Redcliffe, Bristol (?) Leonard B. COOK, son, age 17, Apprentice, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Albert Edward B. COOK, son, age 15, Clerk, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire C.S.B. COOK, son, age 14, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Margaret M. COOK, daughter, age 10, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Bessie I, (?) COOK, daughter, age 12, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Dorothy E. COOK, daughter, age 8, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Ellen E. COOK, daughter, age 7, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Annie M.G. COOK, daughter, age 6, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Philip H. COOK, son, age 5, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Vera S. COOK, daughter, age 3, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Christabel M. COOK, daughter, age 2, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Amy E. COOK, daughter, age 9 months, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Elizabeth BLANNIN, mother-in-law, widow, age 75, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire [Class: <i>RG12</i> ; Piece: <i>1992</i> ; Folio <i>90</i> ; Pages <i>1&2</i> ; GSU roll: <i>6097102</i>]
19	13 Jun 1896	Death of Father:	Albert Brooks COOK (born Sept Qu 1840 in Axbridge Reg District, SOM, ENG - died 13 Jun 1896 in Jacquville, Cote d'Ivoire, West Coast of Africa).
19	6 Aug 1896	Probate:	Father. £595. To his widow.
24	1901	Census:	St Mary Fishponds, Stapleton, Bristol, Gloucestershire. At 17 Lawn Road [Head of Household Absent]: Albert Edward Blannin COOK, son of head of house , age 25, Clerk Tobacco Manufacturer, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire

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34	1911	Census:	<p>Keynsham, SOM, ENG. At Luanza, Overnhill Road, Staple Hill, Bristol: Elizabeth COOK, head, widow, [married 38 years, 12 children (11 living)], age 56, born Redcliff, Bristol Charles S.B. COOK, son, single, age 32, Clerk Tobacco Trade (W.D & H.O. Wills), born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Margaret M. COOK, daughter, single, age 30, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Philip H. COOK, son, age 25, single, Clerk Cocoa Trade (I.S. Fry & Sons), born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Christabel M. COOK, daughter, single, age 22, Typist - Optician, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire Amy E. COOK, daughter, age 20, single, born Stapleton, Gloucestershire [Reference RG14PN14755 RG78PN896 RD317 SD2 ED5 SN13]</p>
39	15 Sep 1916	Death:	France.
		Burial:	Aveluy Wood Cemetery, Mesnil-Martinsart, France.
39	9 Nov 1916	Probate:	£295. To his brother Albert.
		Regiment:	TF Somerset Light Infantry, Attached 8th London Regiment.
		Next of Kin:	<p>(a) Application for medals from D.E. COOK [sister], 4 Jul 1923 (b) (Sister), Miss COOK, 67 Alma Road, Clifton, Bristol (c) (Brother) A.E.B. COOK, 71 Alma Road, Clifton, Bristol</p>
		Decorations:	Star. France. No Date on MIC.
		Prior Service:	R.G.F. (R.G.A?), Corporal Reg. No. 28
		CWGC Register:	<p>COOK Initials: C S B Second Lieutenant Regiment/Service: Somerset Light Infantry Unit Text: 3rd/5th Bn. Secondary Regiment: London Regiment (Post Office Rifles) Secondary Unit Text: attd. 1st/8th Bn. Date of Death: 15/09/1916 Additional information: Son of Albert Brooks Cook, of Fishponds, Bristol. Reference: I. K. 11. Cemetery: AVELUY WOOD CEMETERY, MESNIL-MARTINSART</p>
		Brothers:	<p>Philip Harry COOK 2/Lt London Regiment (Post Office Rifles) 1st/8th Btn Killed in action 19 July 1917, age 30. Husband of Dorothy Cook, of 4, Guinea Rd., Fishponds, Bristol Buried: OAK DUMP CEMETERY, Belgium [CWGC]. He married Dorothy SAISE, December Quarter 1915 in Bristol. They had a daughter Jeanne</p>

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M. COOK, born December Quarter 1916 in Bristol (whom he probably never met). **MIC:** Private Gloucestershire Regiment? Star: 9 June 1916. In 1901 (Census), age 15, born Fishponds Gloucestershire, Philip appears to have been at "The Merchant Seaman's Orphan Asylum" in Wanstead, Essex, as a scholar - this was the only clue concerning his father's occupation.
[RG13; Piece: 1608; Folio: 168; Page: 3]

Albert Edward Blannin COOK

1911 Census: At 88 Filey Avenue, Hackney, London:
COOK, Albert Edward Blannin, Visitor, Single, age 35, born 1876, Commercial Traveller, born Fishponds Bristol. [RG14PN1045 RG78PN35 RD11 SD2 ED12 SN105]. He married Margeurite KEMPE, Axbridge, Somerset, June Quarter 1915.
2958 SUPPLEMENT TO THE **LONDON GAZETTE**, 24 MARCH, 1917
THE ARMY SERVICE CORPS - The undermentioned Cadets to be temp. 2nd Lts. 14th Mar. 1917: -
Albert Edward Blannin Cook
MIC: 2/Lt RASC; Theatre of War 'Mespot' [Mesopotamia?]; date of entry 3/4/17
[Survived - applied for medals 11/7/1923; address 71 Alma Road, Clifton, Bristol]

Siblings:

Leonard B. 1874
Albert E. B. 1876 (served)
Bessie I. 1879
Margaret M. 1881 (living 1911)
Dorothy E. 1883 (applied for medals)
Ellen (Evelyn?) E. 1884
Annie M. G. 1885
Philip H. 1886 (living 1911)
Vera S. 1888
Christobel M., 1889 (living 1911)
Amy E. 1891 (living 1911)
(1 of the above deceased before 1911 Census - probably Leonard B.)

General Notes:

Brother:

Leonard Blannin Cook born about 1874 (older): In 1901 he was in Newport, Wales, age 27, single, born Bristol, Gloucestershire; working as a Builder's Assistant at 72 High Street. [RG13 piece 4960 folio 124 page 1]. I've not been able to locate any service records for him or, for that matter, any records at all after 1901.

Father:

The only reason I've gone back so far with this family is to try to pin down the father but without success. With 12 children he obviously was "at home" from time to time. My suspicion is that his occupation took him either away from the family home on a regular basis or involved shift/night work resulting in him not being at home on the night of each of the census dates I've documented here. According to *Ancestry* an Oliver Davey is researching this family but his interest appears to be in the BLANNIN side. He states: "Alfred Brooks COOK was a Master Mariner, born Wrington Somerset in 1840. He married Elizabeth BLANNIN on 10 August 1871 in the Parish Church, Stapleton, Bristol and that he died in "Half Jack", Africa of malaria on 13 June 1896". [No sources cited.]

There is an A.B. COOK, born Wrington, who appears as Master on a number of crew lists. The last recorded is as Master of the *Mohican* for a voyage in 1886.