

<b>COCK</b>	John Gilbert
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<i>Date of Birth</i>	14.11.1893	<i>Place of Birth</i>	Hayle, Cornwall		
<i>Date of Death</i>	19.4.1966	<i>Place of Death</i>	Kensington		
<i>Height</i>	5ft 11in	<i>Weight</i>	12st	<i>Position</i>	Centre Forward

<i>Club</i>	<i>Joined</i>	<i>Season</i>	F L		F A		S L		L C		TOTALS	
			A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G
Camborne Boys Brigade												
West Kensington United	1908											
Forest Gate												
Old Kingstonians	12.1912											
Brentford	3.1914	1913-14					3	1			3	1
Huddersfield Town	4.1914	1914-15	9	3							9	3
Footballers' Battalion												
<b>Croydon Common</b>	10.1915	1915-16							1	0	1	0
Brentford		1917-18							23	27	23	27
		1918-19							25	25	25	25
Chelsea	10.1919	1919-20	25	21	5	3					30	24
		1920-21	32	12	6	3					38	15
		1921-22	31	13							31	13
		1922-23	11	1							11	1
Everton	1.1923	1922-23	15	9							15	9
		1923-24	35	15	2	2					37	17
		1924-25	19	5	1	0					20	5
Plymouth Argyle	3.1925	1924-25	10	7							10	7
		1925-26	35	31	1	1					36	32
		1926-27	39	32	1	1					40	33
		1927-28	6	2							6	2
Millwall	11.1927	1927-28	27	25	1	1					28	26
		1928-29	37	22	5	3					42	25
		1929-30	31	15	5	2					36	17
		1930-31	20	15							20	15
Folkestone Town	7.1931											
Walton & Hersham United	10.1932											
Castlernaugh United												
Forest Gate												
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>297</b>

<i>F.A. Cup Finals</i>	None
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<i>Internationals</i>						
<i>For</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Venue</i>
England	25.10.1919	1919-20	Huddersfield Town	Ireland	1-1	Belfast
England	10.4.1920	1919-20	Chelsea	Scotland	5-4	Sheffield

<i>Cigarette/Trade Cards</i>				
<i>Company</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>Club</i>
Boys Magazine	1920	N/A	Famous Forwards	Chelsea
Godfrey Phillips	1922	282	Pinnacle	Chelsea
Magnet Magazine	1922	21	Footballers	Chelsea
Boys Magazine	1922	N/A	Footballers	Chelsea
Clarnico/Poppleton	1923?	N/A	Footballers	Chelsea
BAT	1924	19	Famous Footballers	Everton
Crescent Confectionery	1925	N/A	Footballers	Everton
Gallaher	1925	18	Famous Footballers	Plymouth Argyle
Gem Library	1926	N/A	Gem Footer Library	Plymouth Argyle
Pattreiuex	1927	11	Famous Footballers	Chelsea
Pattreiuex	1927	22	Footballers FA Series	Everton
Pattreiuex	1927	82	Footballers FA Series	Everton
Players	1927	8	Football Caricatures	Plymouth Argyle
Roche & Co	1927	36	Famous Footballers	Plymouth Argyle
Fosse Collectibles	1997	24	Soccer Stars 1919-1939 (7th Series)	Millwall (Manager)
David Rowland	1998	25	Association Footballers (Series 1)	Plymouth Argyle
Boys Magazine	1931	N/A	Gallery of Famous Footballers	Millwall (Manager)
Everton F.C.	2002	N/A	100 Seasons at the Top	Everton



<i>Jottings</i>
One of a family of ten, he was noted as a snappy dresser and was a fine tenor who "trod the boards" at various times
Always known as Jack, he was nicknamed "Jack of Trumps" at Plymouth Argyle
Was awarded the Military Medal in WW1 as a Sgt Major (F/1418) after being reported as killed in action
Transfer fees paid for his services included £2,000 (Huddersfield), £2,500 (Chelsea) and £2,000 (Millwall)
Scored once in each of his England appearances (within 30 seconds on his debut!) and was the only Commoner to have scored in an international
Represented the Football League twice v. the Scottish League; at St. Andrews, Birmingham (3-1) on 22.2.1919 and at Celtic Park (4-0) on 20.3.1920, scoring once in the latter
Played for England in a wartime Victory international against Wales at Stoke (2-0) on 18.10.1919 and scored
After Chelsea's goalless draw with Reading in the F.A. Cup in 1920-21, a newspaper report of the match contained the following rhyme: <i>Chelsea had a little Cock, Quite brilliant you know, But everywhere that Cock went, Mavin was sure to go</i>
Was a member of the Plymouth Argyle side which repeatedly came runners-up in Division 3 (South) of the Football League, but finally won a championship medal by moving to Millwall during the 1927-28 season (when Plymouth Argyle finished third)
Scored four in a league match for Plymouth Argyle (in a 6-3 home win over Norwich City on 16.1.1926) and also hit three league hat tricks for the club
Holds the Plymouth Argyle record for League goals in a season (32 in 1926-27) and his record of 74 goals from 92 starts is still the Plymouth Argyle record ratio
Scored twice on his debut for both Chelsea (in a 4-0 home win v. Bradford Park Avenue on 1.11.1919) and Millwall (v. Coventry City on 19.11.1927)
Scored four for Millwall against West Ham United in the London F.A. Challenge Cup on 7.5.1928

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*Jottings (continued)*

Was recorded as an iron foundry moulder in the 1911 Census

Won the London Combination championship with Brentford in 1918-19

On enlisting on 26.4.1915, his address was given as 51 Ancill Street, Fulham - he was demobbed on 20.2.1919

Held the record for career League goals for Millwall until 1972

The West Devon electoral roll in 1927 records him as living at 3 Hazelwood Terrace, Plymouth

Appeared in two feature films, as himself in *The Winning Goal* (1920) and as an actor in *The Great Game* (1930)

Was manager of Millwall (11.1944 to 8.1948) and was sacked after the club was relegated from Division 2 in 1947-48

Took Millwall to the final of the Football League South Cup against Chelsea at Wembley (0-2) on 7.4.1945

Inducted into the Millwall Hall of Fame in recognition of his time as manager of the club

Married Gertrude Martin and they were manager and manageress of the White Hart at New Cross

In later life he was an estate agent and, according to various press reports, he collected several motoring convictions

His younger brothers DONALD (Fulham, Arsenal, Clapton Orient, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Newport County) and HERBERT (Brentford, Queens Park Rangers, Arsenal and Gillingham) also played in the Football League

*Footballers' Battalion - Known Appearances*

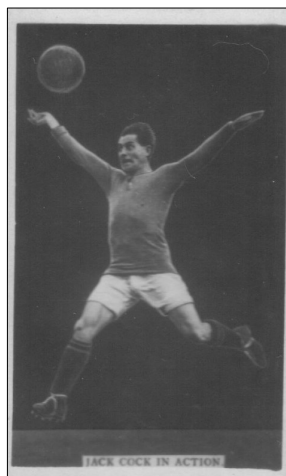
<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Reading	04.09.1915	Elm Park	1-0	He scored the winning goal
Cardiff City	02.10.1915	Ninian Park	1-0	
13th Essex	07.01.1916	?	9-0	Divisonal Cup - Round 2; he scored two goals
2nd South Staffs	10.01.1916	?	6-0	6th Brigade Cup Final; he scored four goals
1st King's Royal Rifle Corps	30.03.1916	?	6-0	Divisonal Cup - Semi-Final; he scored three goals
34th Brigade RFA	11.04.1916	Hersin	11-0	Divisonal Cup - Final

On 24 July 1916, he appeared for "The NCOs" in an inter-Battalion match against B Company, who won 1-0.

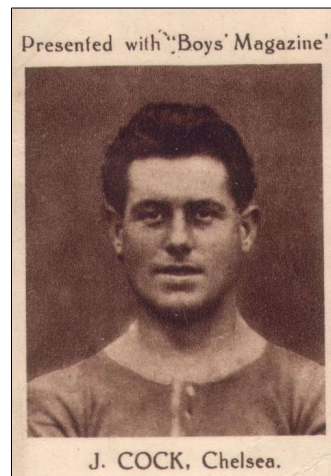
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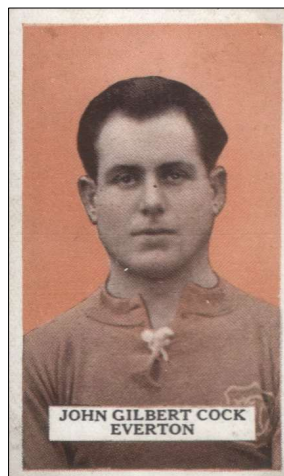
Pinnacle 1922



Magnet 1922



Boys Magazine 1922



BAT 1924



Gallagher 1925



Players 1927



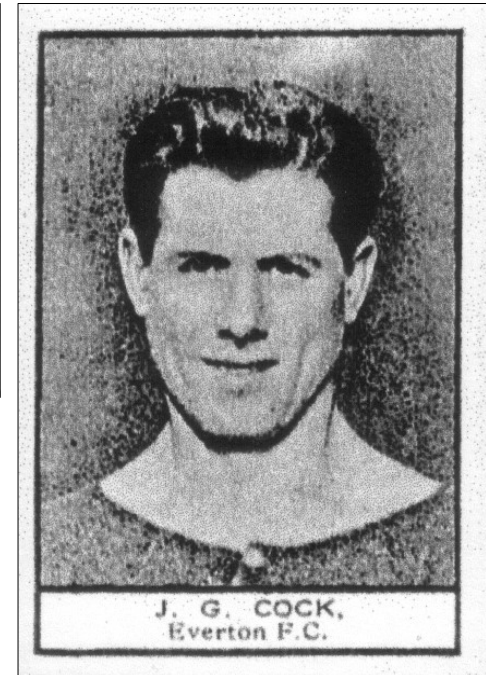
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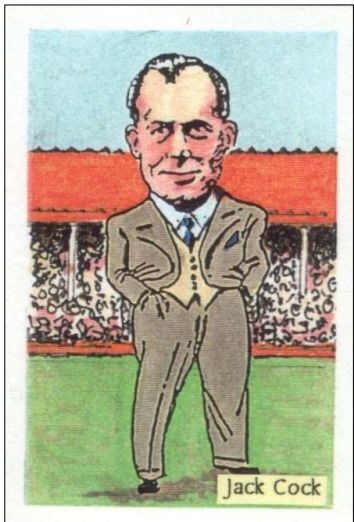
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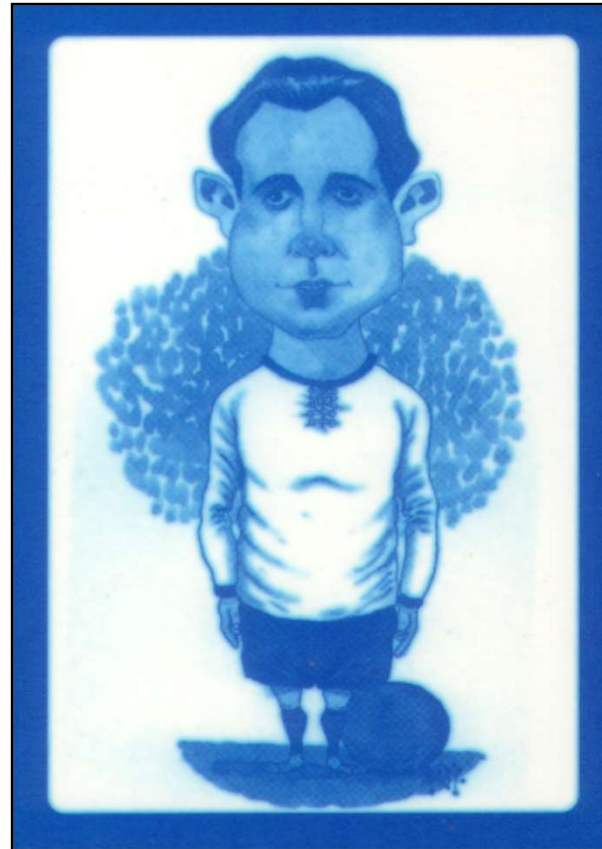
Crescent Confectionery 1925



Fosse Collectibles 1997



David Rowland 1998



Everton F.C. 2002



The Champion Album of Famous Footballers 1930



Plymouth Argyle 1924-25



Plymouth Argyle 1925-26



Plymouth Argyle 1926-27



Plymouth Argyle 1927-28

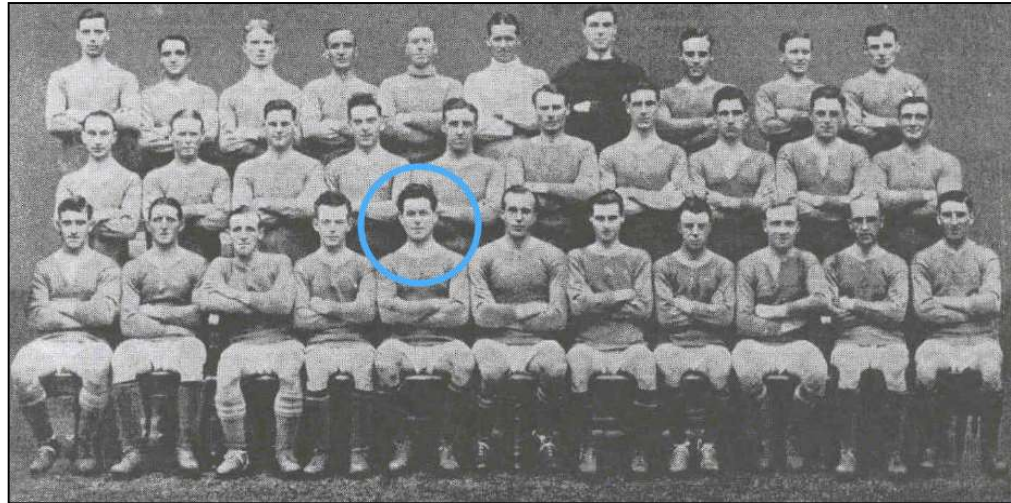
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Plymouth Argyle 1926-27



Chelsea 1919-20



Chelsea 1920-21



Chelsea 1921-22



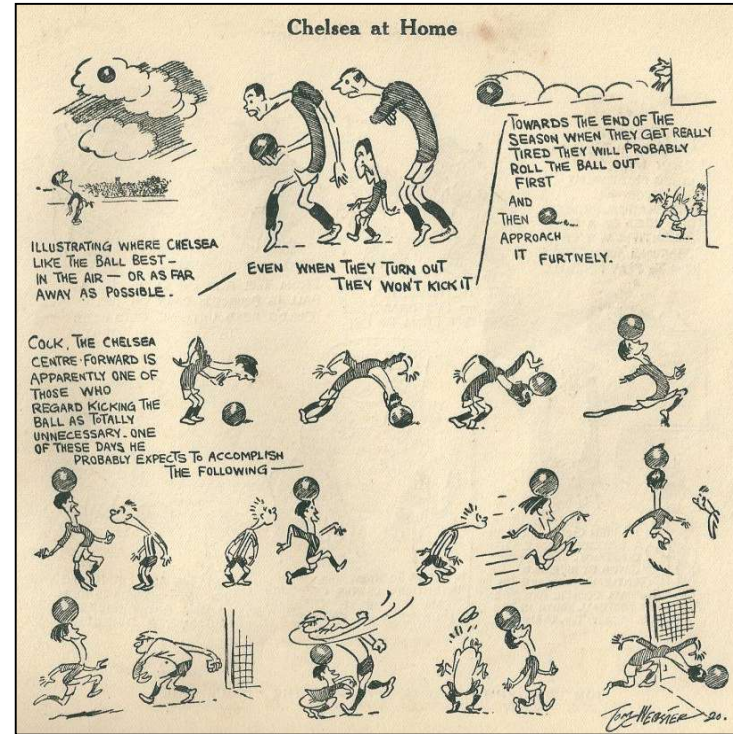
Chelsea 1920-21

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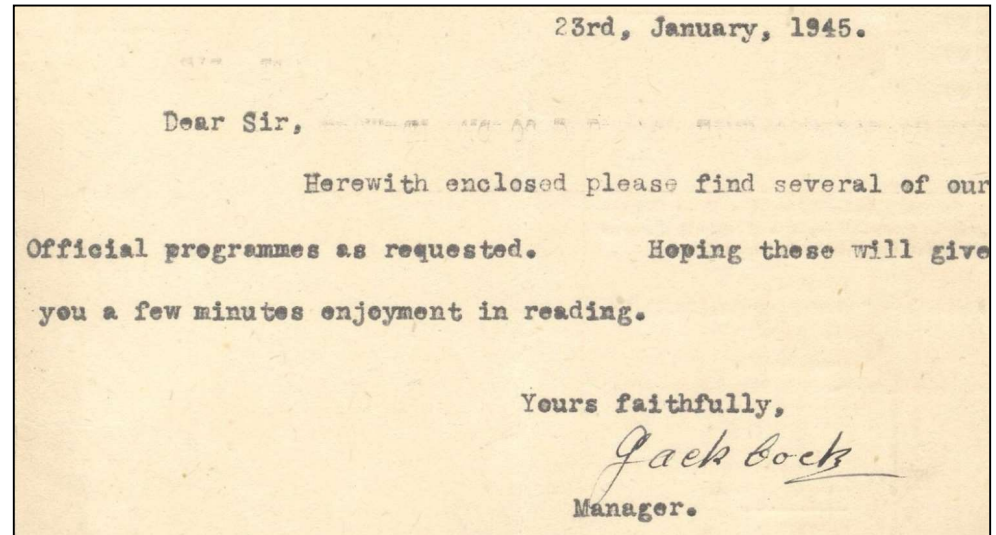
Chelsea c.1922



A cartoon from the Daily Mail in 1920



Chelsea c.1922



His signature from a postcard in 1945



Footballers' Battalion 1916



At Chelsea in 1922



Huddersfield Town 1914-15



With the England team that beat Wales 2-0 in a Victory International in October 1919

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Brentford 1918-19



Clarnico/Poppleton 1922