













We want to find the exact date of death of the person referred to in this line from the index.

Year	Reg#	First name(s)	Last name	Father	Mother
1978	B85611	Stanley	Hook	George William Hook	Annie Adams

Begin with a check in case the year of registration (**1978/B85611**) was not the same as the year of the event.

CHECK: Is the date between January and December of the expected year?	<p>Date of death range</p> <p>From: <input type="text" value="1/1978"/></p> <p>To: <input type="text" value="12/1978"/></p>		No problem there, so press on.
Is the date in the first half of the year?	<p>Date of death range</p> <p>From: <input type="text" value="1/1978"/></p> <p>To: <input type="text" value="6/1978"/></p>		Now we can ignore the second half.
Is the date in the first quarter of the year?	<p>Date of death range</p> <p>From: <input type="text" value="1/1978"/></p> <p>To: <input type="text" value="3/1978"/></p>		That is everything from April to December ruled out.
Is the date between the start of January and the middle of February	<p>Date of death range</p> <p>From: <input type="text" value="1/1/1978"/></p> <p>To: <input type="text" value="14/2/1978"/></p>		
CHECK: So it must be between the middle of February and the end of March.	<p>Date of death range</p> <p>From: <input type="text" value="15/2/1978"/></p> <p>To: <input type="text" value="31/3/1978"/></p>		So I can split that range in two and test one half.
Is the date in the last two weeks in February and the first week in March?	<p>Date of death range</p> <p>From: <input type="text" value="15/2/1978"/></p> <p>To: <input type="text" value="7/3/1978"/></p>		Then it must be in the other half of the last range for which we got a tick.

<p>Is the date in the second and third week in March?</p>	<p>Date of death range</p> <p>From: <input type="text" value="8/3/1978"/></p> <p>To: <input type="text" value="19/3/1978"/></p>		<p>In that case it must be at the end of March.</p>
<p>Is the date between the 20th and the 25th?</p>	<p>Date of death range</p> <p>From: <input type="text" value="20/3/1978"/></p> <p>To: <input type="text" value="25/3/1978"/></p>		<p>So it can only be from the 26th to the 31st.</p>
<p>Is the date between 26th and 28th?</p>	<p>Date of death range</p> <p>From: <input type="text" value="26/3/1978"/></p> <p>To: <input type="text" value="28/3/1978"/></p>		<p>You cannot divide three dates equally so use 2 days and 1.</p>
<p>Is the date the 26th or 27th?</p> <p>(If we get a “no”, then it must be the 28th.)</p>	<p>Date of death range</p> <p>From: <input type="text" value="26/3/1978"/></p> <p>To: <input type="text" value="27/3/1978"/></p>		<p>We now know that it must be one or the other. So pick one.</p>
<p>Is the date the 26th?</p>	<p>Date of death:</p> <input type="text" value="26/3/1978"/>		<p>We picked the wrong one, but now we know it must be the 27th.</p>
<p>CHECK: Is the date 27/3/1978?</p>	<p>Date of death:</p> <input type="text" value="27/3/1978"/>		<p>Success!!</p>