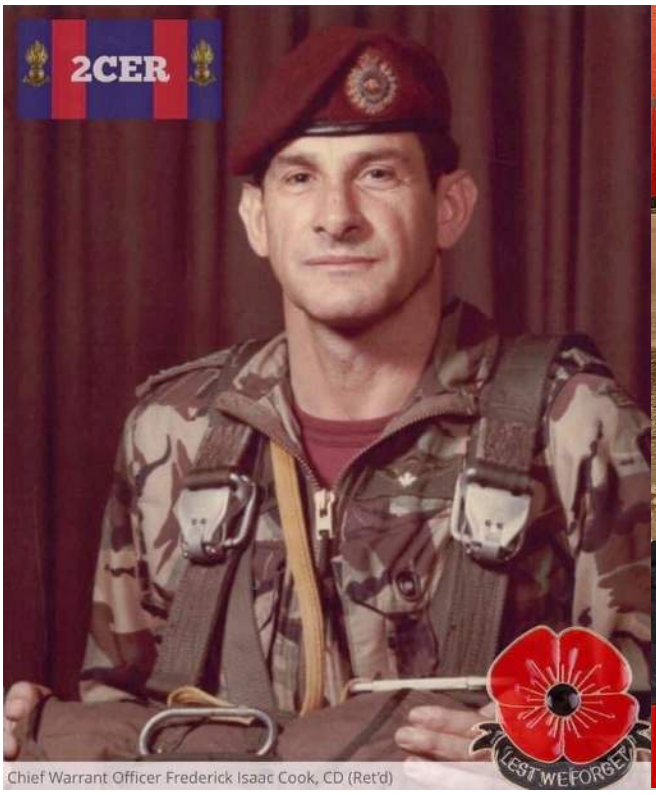
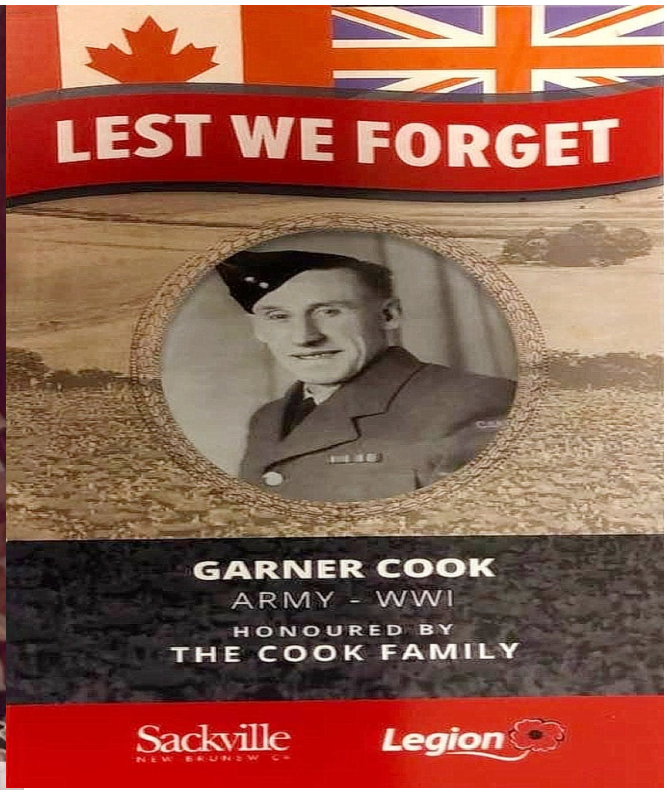
The ***COOK*** family



Chief Warrant Officer Frederick Isaac Cook, CD (Ret'd)



Private Garner Cook, Canadian Expeditionary Force,
Nova Scotia Highlanders, 85Th Battalion, WWI and Home Guard, WWII
1894 - 1967

My grandfather, Garner Cook, joined the movement of East Coast farmers who volunteered to defend Canada, Inexperienced for battle, with no formal training, all who signed on in Halifax, boarded a steamer for Europe with a uniform and a prayer.

"The story of the role played by the 85th Battalion in the battle of Vimy Ridge has become almost mythical. Raised as part of what became a great province-wide undertaking over a few weeks in the fall of 1915, it had only just arrived at the front in February 1917 and was still waiting to take its place in the line of battle. On the morning of 9 April, when all four divisions of the Canadian Corps attacked together for the first time in the First World War, the 85th was relegated to acting as a work battalion, to help repair trenches and carry out other tasks behind the initial advance. Within a few hours, Canadians had captured almost the entire ridge, and only the two highest points held out: the ***"Pimple"*** *and* ***Hill 145*** *(the summit where Canada's Vimy Memorial now stands). Having seen all of his existing battalions broken up attempting to capture Hill 145, the 11th Brigade's commanding officer, Brigadier-General Victor Odlum, turned to the 85th to attempt one more advance before the end of the day. "C" and "D" companies under Captains*

Harvey Crowell and Percival Anderson were charged with the task."
[From the Canadian Military Journal https://www.journal.forces.gc.ca/Vol17/no2/page34-eng.asp]

The rest is legendary. The Hill was captured, and Vimy secured.

My grandfather contracted pneumonia, which most assuredly saved his life. He was spared from the Somme and lived to raise 8 children.

He continued his military service as Home Guard during WWll, protecting the mouth of the Fundy Tidal Bore on the Atlantic Ocean between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, scanning the open waterway for German U-Boats. Thanks, Grampie. Love you.

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Frederick Isaac Cook, CD
Chief Warrant Officer
1936 - 2017

My uncle Fred joined the Canadian Army in 1958 with the Royal Canadian Engineers. After completing his basic Field Engineer training at the Royal Canadian School of Military Engineering (RCSME) at Camp Chilliwack BC he remained in Vedder Crossing with the RCSME Demonstration Troop. From there Fred was posted to 4 Field Squadron in Germany. When he returned to Canada he started on an Airborne career path – first with 1 Field Squadron, Petawawa, ON and then with 1 Airborne Field Squadron in Edmonton, AB starting in 1968. After Edmonton he was stationed in Camp Gagetown, NB – first with 2 Field Squadron and then with the Base Construction Engineering Section. In 1982 Fred was appointed Regimental Sergeant Major of 2 Combat Engineer Regiment in Petawawa where he served until his retirement in 1985.

Uncle Fred was a former president of the **Lions Club Foundation of Canada** in Sackville, NB**.** After he retired, was a leading advocate of the **Lions Club Foundation Dog Guides of Canada program.** Ink is a member of the Autism Assistance Service Dogs of Canada doing his service for the Cook family in Canada. **Fred Cook** has done his duty and now rests in peace.



Ink is an *Autism Assistance Service Dog* trained graduate of the Lions Foundation Dog Guides of Canada program. Thanks Uncle Fred. Love you.

Lest We Forget

On behalf of the Cook family, to all retired and serving military and those we lost through combat and friendly fire, lest we forget, thank you. The freedoms won by these brave men, women and the animals who assisted should not be lost through time. We also honour the families of all military personnel who supported and loved those who sacrificed so we can walk free. For those who have returned and face trauma and live with the difficulty of choices made, you are not alone. Assistance is available through the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Command.

Linda Cook (granddaughter and niece)

Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor