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Schedule No. Unit The Calgary Highlanders
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Army No. and Rank H101836 Private

Name William Matthew Bruce COOK
(Christian names must be stated)

Date recommendation passed forward	
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Brigade 31 Aug 44	9 Sep 44
Division 15 Sep 44	20 Sep 44
Corps 23 Sep 44	26 Sep 44
Army 27 Sep 44	5 Oct 44

Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
<p>On the 9th August 1944 The Calgary Highlanders were attacking BRETTEVILLE. The leading section was subjected to heavy machine gun and rifle fire from enemy slit trenches positioned in a bank fifty yards to their front. Private Cook, a bren gunner, in spite of the terrific fire dashed and crawled forward over the open ground exchanging bursts of fire with the enemy. When a few yards from the enemy trench he stood up and, firing his bren gun from the hip, rushed the position. His daring action completely demoralized the enemy and one officer and five other ranks were taken prisoner. This soldier's complete disregard for his own safety and his exceptional courage were an inspiration to all his comrades and greatly aided in the swiftness with which the whole battalion attained its objective</p>		Immediate MM	
	Sgd. D.G. MacLaughlan CO Calg Highrs		
	Sgd. ? Comd 5 Cdn Inf Bde		Brig
	Sgd. C. Foulkes, Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div		Maj-Gen
	Sgd. G.G. Simonds, Comd 2 Cdn Corps		Lt-Gen
	Sgd. G.G. Simonds, A/DOC-in-C. First Cdn Army		Lt-Gen
	Sgd. B.L. Montgomery Field Marshal C-in-C. 21 Army Gp		T.O.

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(To be filled in)	Remarks or Reason	Recommended by	Action for which recommended (State unit and date of action unless otherwise stated)
Immediate		Sgt. D.O. MacLennan Lt-Col	On the 9th August 1944 The Calgary Highlanders were attacking BREITENVILLE. The leading section was subjected to heavy machine gun and rifle fire from enemy all trenches positioned in a bank fifty yards to their front. Private Cook, a grenadier, in spite of the fact that the machine gun was crawling forward over the open ground exchanging bursts of fire with the enemy. When a few yards from the enemy trench he stood up and firing his Bren gun from the hip, turned the position. His daring action completely surprised the enemy and one officer and five other ranks were taken prisoner. This soldier's complete disregard for his own safety and his exceptional courage were an inspiration to all his comrades and greatly aided the unit in the capture of the whole position.

If a casualty as under, fill in date.

Nature of Casualty	Date
Killed in action	
Died of Wounds	
Died	
Missing	
Prisoner of War	