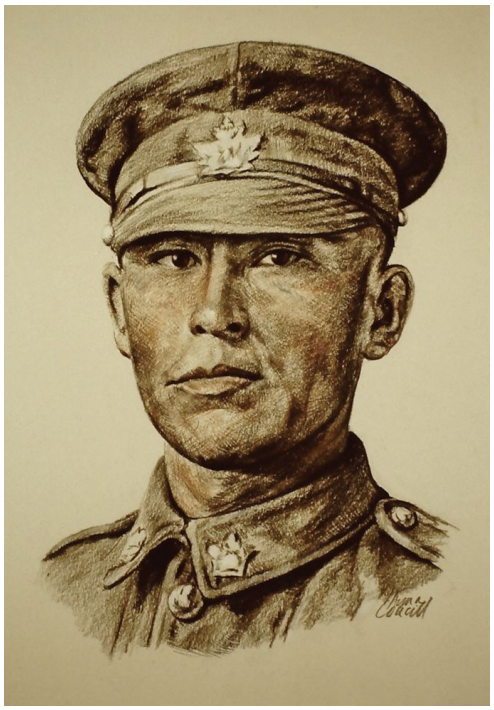
Corporal Francis Pegahmagabow





- ★ From Wasauksing First Nation, Ontario
- ★ Served in the First World War
- ★ Scout, sniper, and messenger
- ★ Medal of Gallantry: Military Medal with 2 bars (awarded 3 times!)
- ★ He earned his first Military Medal (1916) for serving as a messenger on the battlefield. He repeatedly carried important messages through dangerous areas during battle
- ★ First Bar to the Military Medal (1917): During the Battle of Passchendaele, he kept track of nearby units, relayed important information, and helped guide soldiers to the correct positions despite the difficult conditions of the battlefield.
- ★ Second Bar to the Military Medal (1918): He received a second bar for further acts of bravery during the war's final campaigns in France. This award recognized his continued gallantry and outstanding service under enemy fire
- ★ One of Canada's most decorated Indigenous veterans
- ★ Later served as Chief of Wasauksing First Nation and worked to support the rights of Indigenous peoples after the war

Private
George McLean



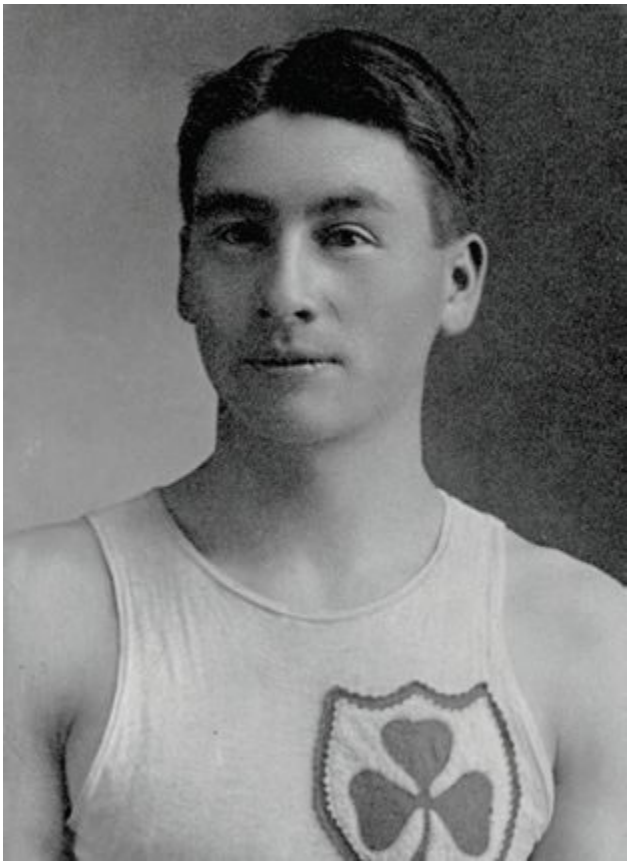
- ★ Okanagan Indian Band, British Columbia
- ★ Served in both the Boer War and the First World War
- ★ Fought at the Battle of Vimy Ridge
- ★ Captured more than a dozen enemy soldiers during battle
- ★ Medal of Gallantry: Distinguished Conduct Medal

Sergeant
Tommy Prince



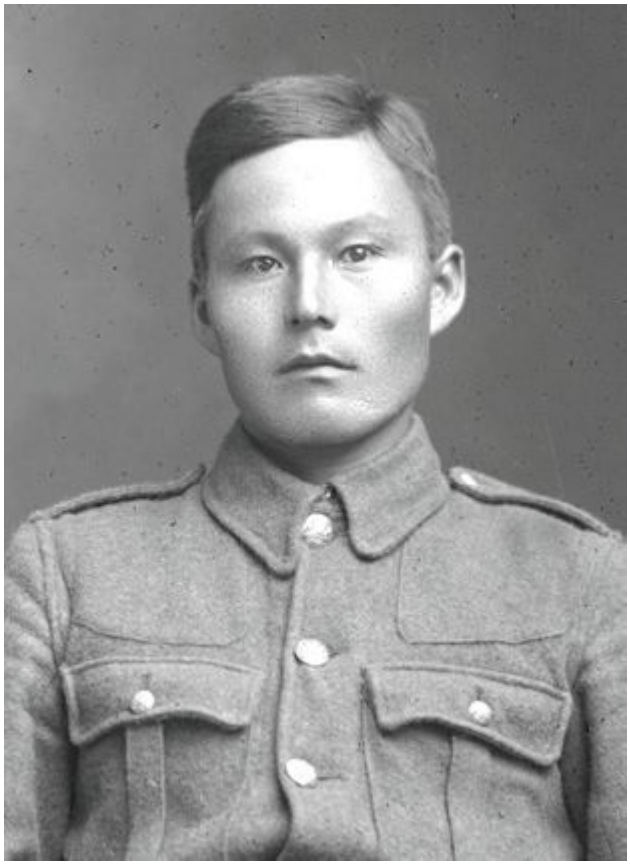
- ★ Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Manitoba
- ★ Served in the Second World War and the Korean War
- ★ Worked as a scout (gathering information behind enemy lines)
- ★ Carried out dangerous missions that helped Canadian and Allied forces
- ★ Medals of Gallantry: Military Medal & Silver Star
- ★ One of Canada's most decorated Indigenous veterans

Private Alexander Decoteau



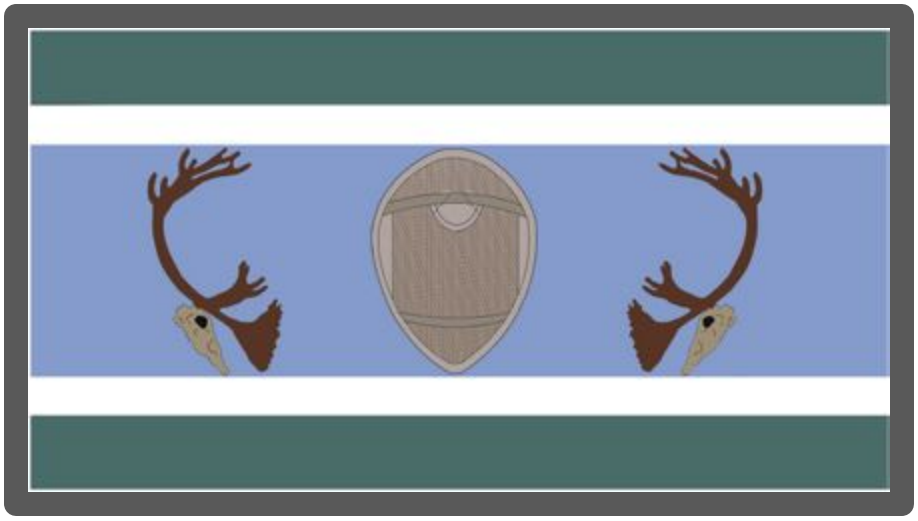
- ★ Red Pheasant Cree Nation, Saskatchewan
- ★ Served in the First World War
- ★ In 1909, he became Canada's first Indigenous police officer when he joined the Edmonton Police Force
- ★ Talented long distance runner: he represented Canada at the Olympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden (1912)
- ★ In 1917, Alex fought in the Battle of Passchendaele in Belgium and died in battle

Lance Corporal
John Shiwak



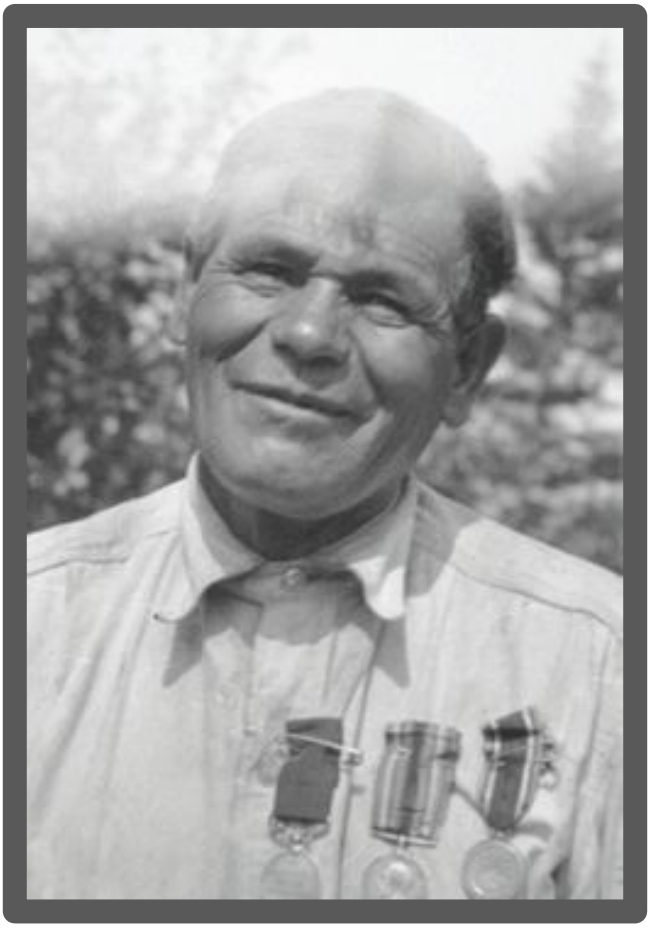
- ★ Inuk, Rigolet, Labrador
- ★ Served the First World War
- ★ Before becoming a soldier, John worked as a hunter and trapper, therefore he became an excellent scout and sniper in the army
- ★ In 1917, during battle, he was killed (he was only 28 years old)

Private
William Cleary



- ★ Innu Nation, Pointe-Bleue, Quebec
- ★ Above is the official emblem and visual symbol of the Innu Nation
- ★ Served in the First World War
- ★ Saved two wounded soldiers during a dangerous mission
- ★ Medal of Gallantry: Military Medal

Corporal Sam Glode



- ★ Mi'kmaq veteran from Nova Scotia
- ★ Served in the First World War
- ★ Worked as a tunneller and engineer
- ★ Helped remove dangerous explosives left behind after battles
- ★ Medal of Gallantry: Distinguished Conduct Medal

Private
Stephen Toney



- ★ Mi'kmaq soldier from Nova Scotia
- ★ Served in the First World War
- ★ Known as a skilled sniper
- ★ Injured by poison gas during the war
- ★ Medal of Gallantry: Military Medal

Lieutenant David Georges Greyeyes-Steele



- ★ Cree veteran from the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation in Saskatchewan
- ★ Served in the Second World War
- ★ Trained Canadian soldiers and later led a mortar platoon (A mortar platoon is a group of soldiers who use special weapons called mortars to fire explosive shells at enemy positions from a distance)
- ★ Received the Greek War Cross for bravery and leadership during a battle in Italy
- ★ Later served as Chief of the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation

Private
Joseph Roussin

- ★ Mohawk soldier from Kanehsatà:ke, Quebec
- ★ Served in the First World War
- ★ Worked as a lumberman before joining the military
- ★ Continued serving even after being wounded several times
- ★ Medal of Gallantry: Military Medal

Captain
Charles Smith



- ★ Member of the Six Nations of the Grand River in Ontario
- ★ Served in the First World War
- ★ Served as an officer and leader in the Canadian Army
- ★ Helped recruit Indigenous soldiers for military service
- ★ Medal of Gallantry: Military Cross
- ★ Received the Military Cross for bravery and leadership during combat in France near the end of the First World War

Captain
Alexander Smith Jr.



- ★ Member of the Six Nations of the Grand River in Ontario
- ★ Served in the First World War
- ★ Led soldiers during the Battle of the Somme in France
- ★ Helped capture an enemy trench and 50 prisoners
- ★ Medal of Gallantry: Military Cross
- ★ Later became a Chief at Six Nations
- ★ Brother of Captain Charles Smith, who also served in the First World War and earned the Military Cross

Brigadier Oliver Milton Martin



- ★ Mohawk veteran from Six Nations of the Grand River, Ontario
- ★ Served in both the First and Second World Wars
- ★ Served as an Army officer and later became a pilot
- ★ Helped train and lead Canadian soldiers
- ★ Reached the rank of Brigadier, the highest rank held by an Indigenous soldier in Canada at that time
- ★ Later became a teacher, principal, and magistrate

Acting Sergeant Charles Henry Byce



- ★ Cree soldier with family roots in Moose Factory, Ontario
- ★ Served in the Second World War
- ★ Led a team on a dangerous mission behind enemy lines
- ★ Helped gather important information about enemy forces
- ★ Medal of Gallantry: Military Medal & Distinguished Conduct Medal
- ★ One of the most highly decorated Indigenous soldiers of the Second World War

Private Barnaby "Barney" Peter Francis



- ★ Mi’kmaq, Lennox Island First Nation, Prince Edward Island
- ★ Served in the First World War
- ★ Took part in the Battle of Amiens, one of Canada's most important victories during the war
- ★ Was known for his speed and talent as a runner
- ★ After the war, became a champion runner and set several running records
- ★ Won the title of Canadian Mile Champion in 1923
- ★ Remembered for his bravery as a soldier and his success as an athlete

Chief Joseph Dreaver





- ★ Mistawasis Nêhiyawak First Nation, Saskatchewan
- ★ Served in both the First and Second World Wars
- ★ Joined the Canadian Army in 1916
- ★ Worked as a sapper, helping to build and repair roads, bridges, and trenches
- ★ Served in England and France during the First World War
- ★ Was promoted to the rank of Corporal in 1917
- ★ Medal of Gallantry: Military Medal
- ★ During the Second World War, helped guard enemy prisoners of war in Canada
- ★ Encouraged other members of his community to join the military
- ★ Later became Chief of Mistawasis Nêhiyawak and worked to improve education, health services, and First Nations rights

Corporal Russ Moses



- ★ Member of the Delaware Nation from Six Nations of the Grand River in Ontario
- ★ Served in the Royal Canadian Navy during the Korean War.
- ★ Later joined the Royal Canadian Air Force
- ★ Worked as a safety equipment technician, helping maintain equipment used by pilots and search and rescue teams
- ★ Helped support Indigenous communities through his work with the federal government
- ★ Wrote about his experiences at residential school to help others understand the challenges faced by Indigenous children
- ★ Remembered for his service to Canada and his work to promote truth, understanding, and reconciliation

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