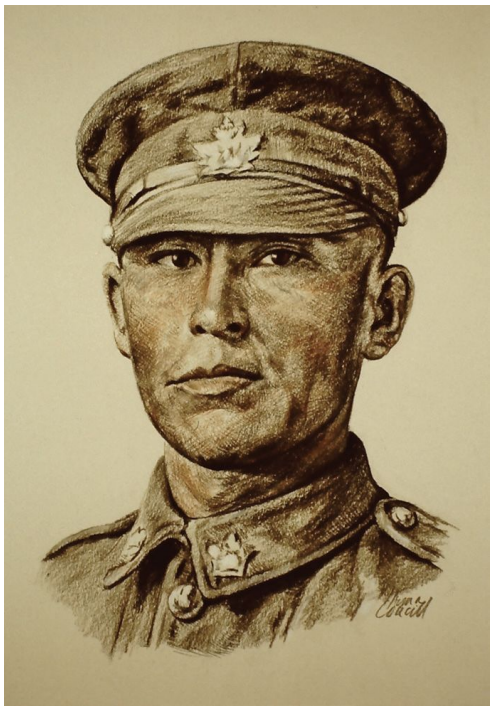
Corporal Francis Pegahmagabow





- ★ 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



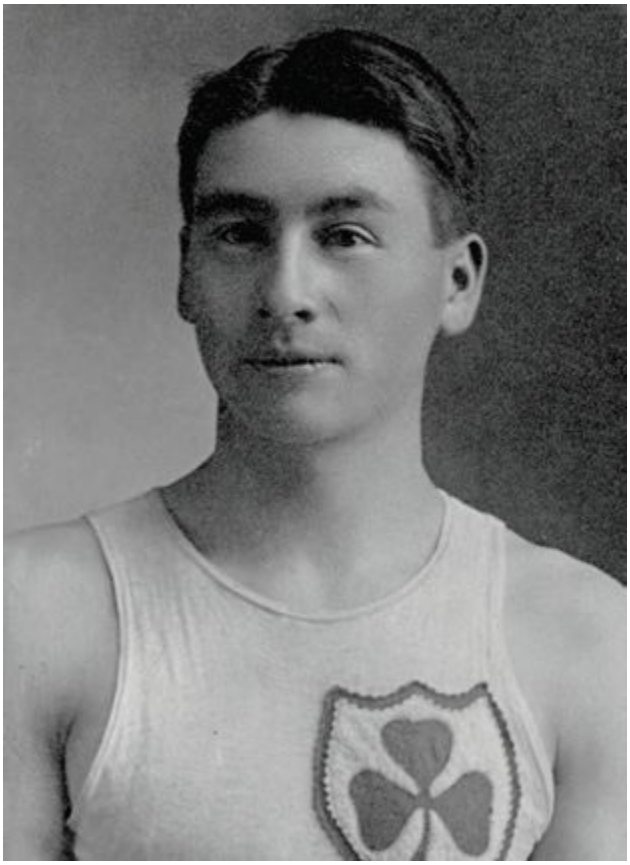
- ★ Okanagan Indian Band, British Columbia
- ★ Served in both the Boer War and the First World War
- ★ Fought at the Battle of Vimy Ridge
- ★ Captured more than a dozen enemy soldiers during battle
- ★ Medal of Gallantry: Distinguished Conduct Medal

Sergeant
Tommy Prince



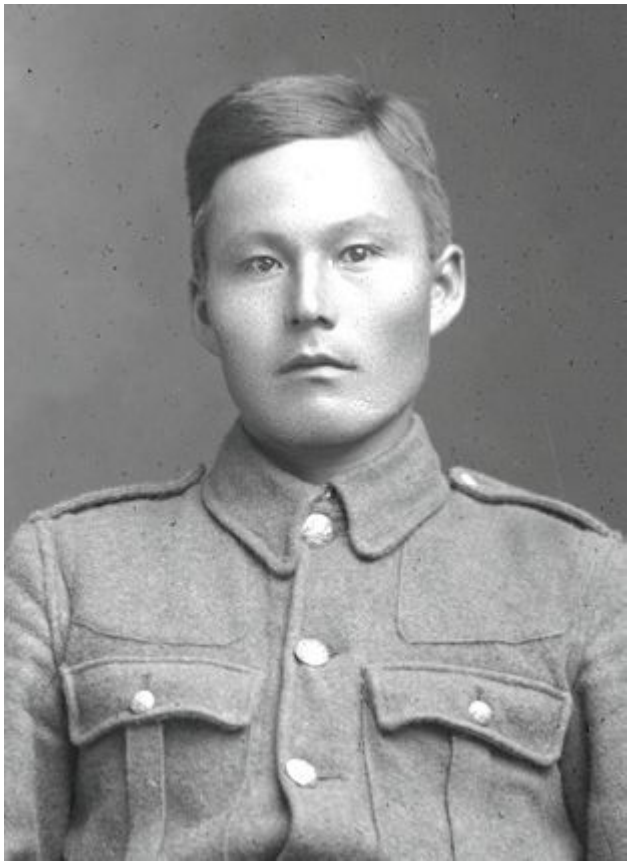
- ★ Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Manitoba
- ★ Served in the Second World War and the Korean War
- ★ Worked as a scout (gathering information behind enemy lines)
- ★ Carried out dangerous missions that helped Canadian and Allied forces
- ★ Medals of Gallantry: Military Medal & Silver Star
- ★ One of Canada's most decorated Indigenous veterans
- ★ After the Second World War, Tommy became an important advocate for Indigenous rights. He spoke up for better schools, housing, and fair treatment for Indigenous Peoples. He also encouraged the government to respect treaties and listen to Indigenous communities

Private Alexander Decoteau



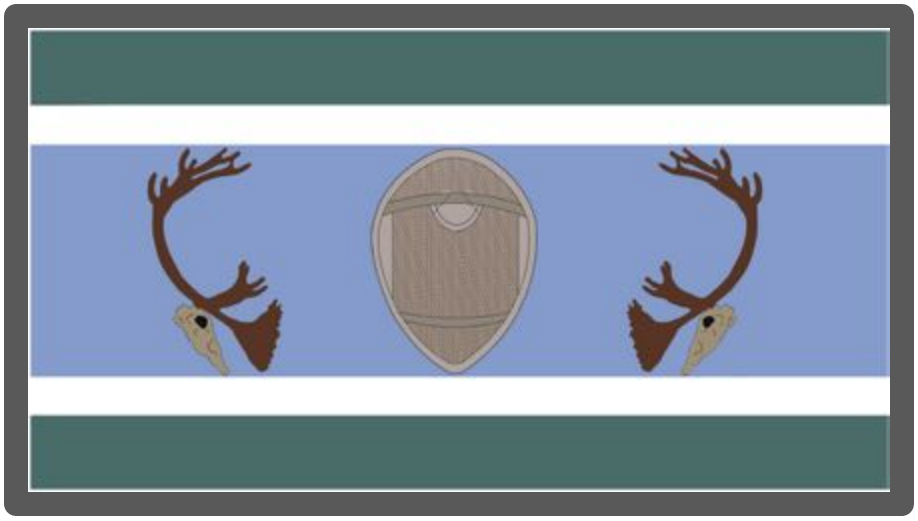
- ★ Red Pheasant Cree Nation, Saskatchewan
- ★ Served in the First World War
- ★ In 1909, he became Canada's first Indigenous police officer when he joined the Edmonton Police Force
- ★ Talented long distance runner: he represented Canada at the Olympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden (1912)
- ★ In 1917,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

Lance Corporal
John Shiwak



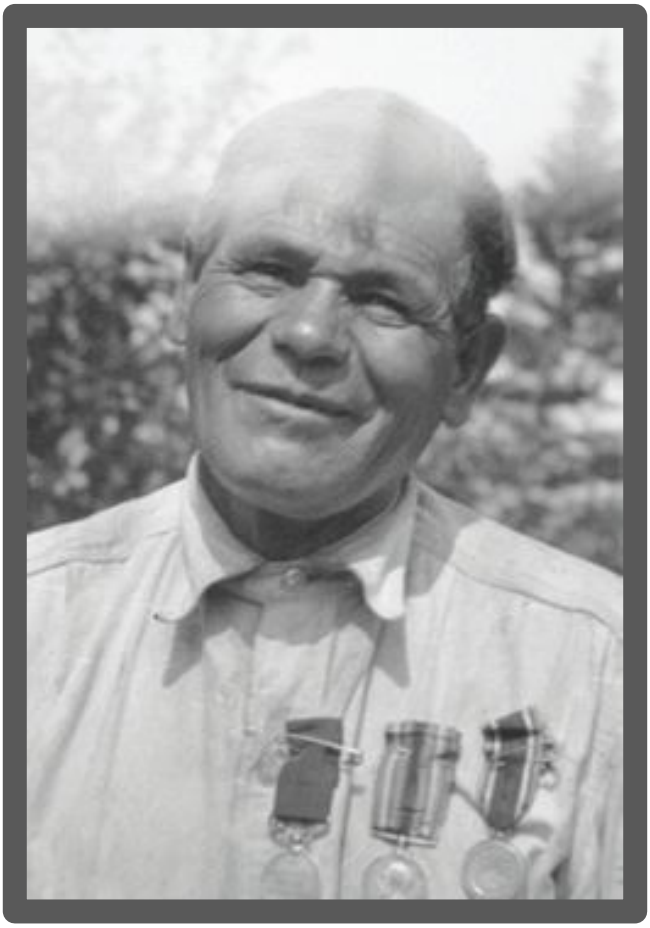
- ★ Inuk, Rigolet, Labrador
- ★ Served the First World War
- ★ Before becoming a soldier, John worked as a hunter and trapper, therefore he became an excellent scout and sniper in the army
- ★ In 1917, during battle, he was killed (he was only 28 years old)

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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