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MY NAME IS FRANCIS
PEGAHMAGABOW

BUT MY
FRIENDS CALL
ME PEGGY

I'M
ANISHINAABE
FIRST NATIONS
FROM THE PARRY
ISLAND BAND



I SERVED IN THE 1ST CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION AS A
LANCE CORPORAL



I WAS WELL KNOWN AS DEADLY SNIPER AND BY THE END
OF WWI I WOULD HAVE ALSO CAPTURED ABOUT 300
GERMAN PRISONERS

ANOTHER
ONE BITES THE
DUST...



KA-BANG!

I KILLED MANY A GERMAN IN
MY TIME AS A SOLDIER IN
WWI



BATTLE OF MOUNT SORREL JUNE 1916



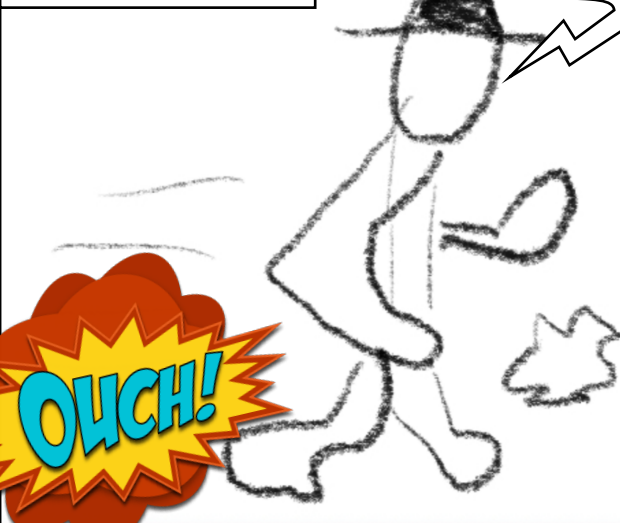
ONE DAY I WAS FACING ENEMY FIRE TO DELIVER A CRITICAL MESSAGE



DON'T GET SHOT, DON'T GET SHOT



WHEN I GOT SHOT IN THE LEG



AAHHHH!!!

BANG!

SOMEHOW, I MANAGED TO MAKE IT TO SAFETY



\$%#!## THAT HURTS

I PRAYED THAT IT WOULDN'T BE FATAL

I WAS REMOVED FROM THE FRONT LINES FOR FIRST AID



YOU'LL BE OKAY. THE BULLET DIDN'T CAUSE TOO MUCH DAMAGE

I KNEW I WAS INJURED, BUT I WAS RECOVERING WELL AND I WANTED TO RETURN TO THE BATTLEFIELD TO FIGHT ALONG SIDE MY FELLOW SOLDIERS

I'D LIKE TO GO BACK TO THE FRONT LINES

I'M NOT SURE THAT'S A GREAT IDEA. YOU SHOULD GET MORE REST



PLEASE. I SERVE NO PURPOSE LYING HERE

VERY WELL. STAY SAFE.

YOU ARE BEING AWARDED THIS MILITARY MEDAL FOR FACING ENEMY FIRE TO DELIVER CRITICAL MESSAGES

I RETURNED TO PARRY ISLAND AS A HIGHLY DECORATED VETERAN IN 1919... ONLY TO FACE THE SAME PERSECUTION AND POVERTY PRIOR TO WWI.

I WAS HAPPY TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR MY SKILL AND CONTRIBUTIONS, ESPECIALLY SINCE AS AN INDIGENOUS PERSON, I WAS USED TO FACING PERSECUTION INSTEAD OF PRAISE

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ONE DAY THE BAND COUNCIL WILL HAVE AUTHORITY TO OVERRULE THAT OF THE INDIAN AGENTS

Dear prime minister and policy makers, I demand better treatment of Indigenous People...

I ENTERED POLITICS BECOMING A CHIEF AND BAND COUNCILLOR FOR THE PARRY ISLAND BAND. I BECAME AN EARLY ACTIVIST FOR THE INDIGENOUS RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

FRANCIS "PEGGY" PEGAHMAGABOW DIED OF A HEART ATTACK ON AUGUST 5TH 1952 AT THE AGE OF 64, BUT HE WILL BE FOREVER REMEMBERED AS A WAR HERO AND FIGHTER FOR INDIGENOUS RIGHTS.

