

THE STORY OF

Francis "Peggy" Pegahmagabow



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MY NAME IS FRANCIS PEGAHMAGABOW

BUT MY FRIENDS CALL ME PEGGY

I'M ANISHINAABE FIRST NATIONS FROM THE WASAUKSING (PARRY ISLAND) BAND



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



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

I KILLED ABOUT 378 GERMAN SOLDIERS IN MY TIME AS A SOLDIER IN WWI



ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST...

KA-BANG!



MOM...

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

**BAM!
BANG!**

WHEN I GOT SHOT IN THE LEG

AAGGHHHH!!!

BLAM!

SOMEHOW, I MANAGED TO MAKE IT TO SAFETY

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THAT HURTS

I PRAYED THAT THE INJURY WOULDN'T BE FATAL

I WAS REMOVED FROM THE FRONT LINES FOR FIRST AID

GROAN

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

SIGH

PLEASE. I SERVE NO PURPOSE LYING HERE

VERY WELL... STAY SAFE

1916



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

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

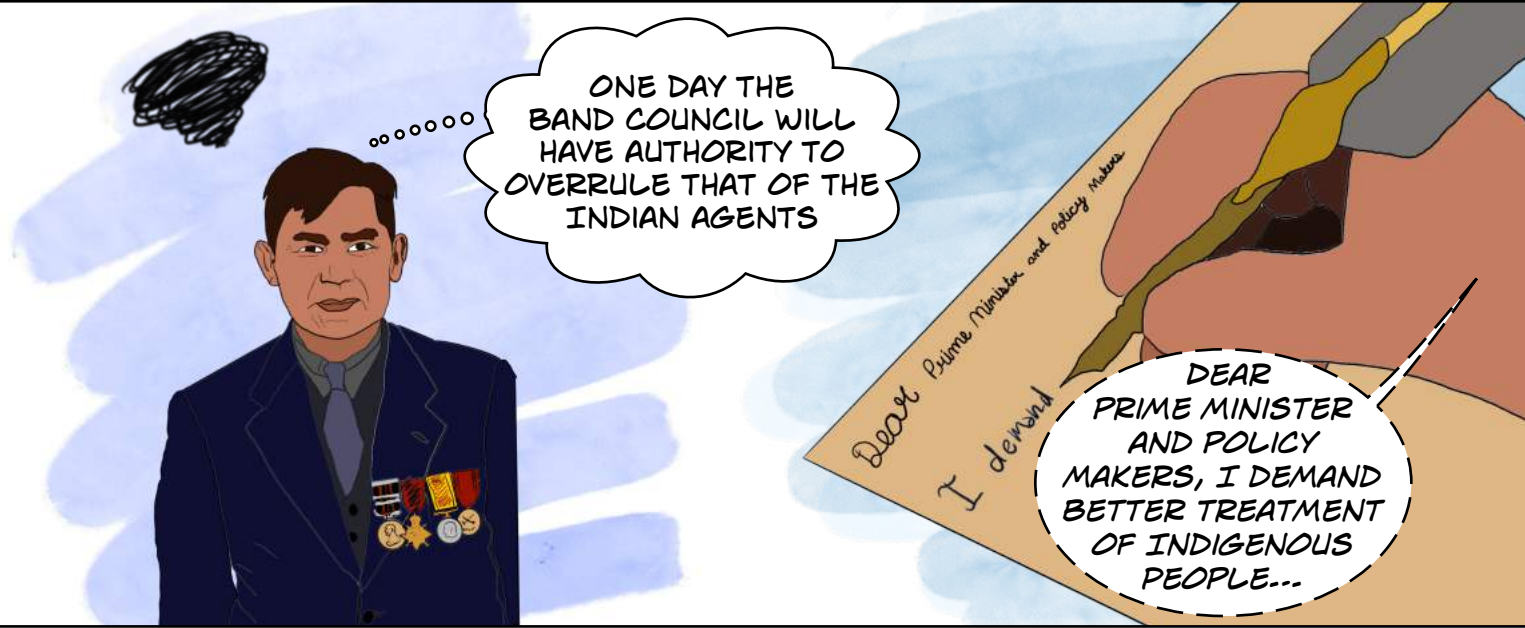
I RETURNED TO PARRY ISLAND AS A HIGHLY DECORATED VETERAN IN 1919... ONLY TO FACE THE SAME PERSECUTION AND POVERTY PRIOR TO WWI.



LAKE HURON, ON

PARRY ISLAND

WASAUKSING (PARRY ISLAND) FIRST NATIONS



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 WASAUKSING (PARRY ISLAND) BAND. I BECAME AN EARLY ACTIVIST FOR THE INDIGENOUS RIGHTS MOVEMENT.



F PEGAHMAGABOW
MM 2 BARS
CORPORAL
AUGUST 1952
1888

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.

THE END



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