

MEDALS AND MEMORIES MINUTES



Francis Pegahmagabow

(1891-1952) three times awarded the

Military Medal in WWI was an expert

marksman and scout credited with

killing up to 378 Germans and cap-

turing 300 more. The Ojibwa from Parry Island was

twice wounded but willingly returned to his unit after

recovery. His citation for the Battle of Passchendaele

reads, "November 6th/7th, 1917, this NCO did

excellent work. Before and after the attack he kept in

touch with the flanks, advising the units he had seen,

this information proving the success of the attack and

saving valuable time in consolidating." Francis served

in the Algonquin Regiment after 1919, as chief of the

Parry Island Band 1921–1925 and as Supreme Chief

of the Native Independent Government in 1943.

Joseph Boyden's 2005 novel *Three Day Road* was

inspired in part by Pegahmagabow.