

Black Canadians in WW1

Go to the following link and answer the questions below.

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/black-volunteers-in-the-canadian-expeditionary-force>

Canadian Encyclopedia Article Questions

- 1) Roughly how many black Canadians signed up for service in WW1?
- 2) Which ones do we generally know the most about and how many were able to get to front line units?
- 3) List the obstacles black Canadians faced when trying to sign up for the war and what makes it difficult to know exactly how many served in the Canadian Forces?
- 4) Were there any who served with distinction and were awarded medals? Explain.
- 5) What sorts of jobs did the Construction Battalion do? You might need to go on line to look some of this up.

Military Moments Video

Go to this video link and answer the questions below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YfaF9Y3KhWA>

- 1) When was the #2 Construction Battalion created?
- 2) Where was this unit formed?
- 3) How did the units chaplain prevent, what some called, a potential race riot? How did he end up as the only black officer in the British Army?
- 4) From what other country did black soldiers come from to sign up in the Canadian Forces? Why did they have to come to Canada?
- 5) When they did get to Europe what roles were they employed in?
- 6) What was the irony once conscription became law?