



## NO. 2 CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

The No. 2 Construction Battalion, created on July 5, 1916, is the only segregated black battalion to serve in the First World War.

the government to create an all-Black battalion.

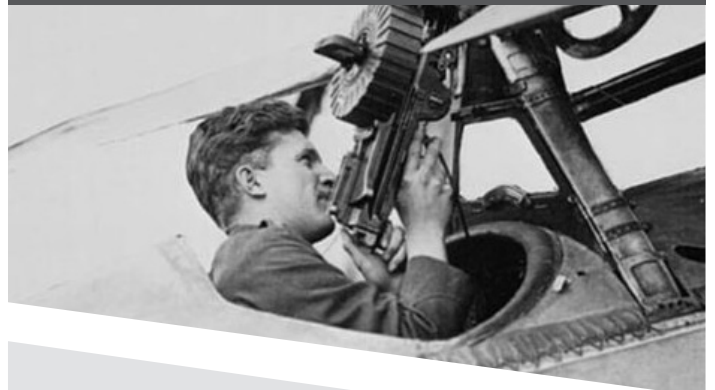
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Members of No. 2 Construction Battalion.  
(Credit: Halifax Herald 6July2016).

When the First World War broke out, thousands of African Canadians rushed to enlist. Nearly all of them were turned away by white recruiting officers and told that they had no place in a "White Man's War." In response, Black Canadians across the country mounted a pro-enlistment campaign and pressured

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Canadian Forestry Corps, Timber Yard, France c. 1918 (Credit: Canada DND/ LAC M# 3523256).

illness as a result of their harsh living and working conditions. Eight members of the battalion died overseas.

The unit's chaplain, honorary Captain Reverend William A. White, had the distinction of being the only black commissioned officer to serve in the Canadian military during the First World War.

The No. 2 Construction Battalion set sail from Halifax for overseas service on March 28, 1917. When they arrived in the Jura Region of France they were attached to the Canadian Forestry Corps where they built roads and bridges, dug trenches, and aided with logging operations.

During their military service many members of the battalion contracted



Reverend and honorary Captain William A. White (Credit: Acadia University).

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## CAN YOU FIND THESE WORDS?

1. Construction Battalion (No. 2)
2. Canadian Expeditionary Force
3. Black Battalion
4. First World War
5. Canadian Military
6. July
7. African Canadian
8. Halifax
9. Proenlistment
10. Jura Region
11. France
12. Canadian Forestry Corps
13. Honorary Captain Reverend White
14. Pictou
15. Truro

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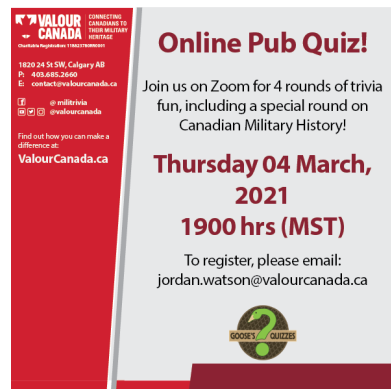
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### JANUARY 2021 CROSSWORD ANSWER KEY

- |                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Commonwealth         | 10. Confederation    |
| 2. Confederation Square | 11. Canada           |
| 3. March                | 12. Allward          |
| 4. Memorial Chamber     | 13. Veterans Affairs |
| 5. Unknown Soldier      | 14. France           |
| 6. Peace Tower          | 15. Belgium          |
| 7. First World War      | 16. Limestone        |
| 8. National Historic    | 17. Pearson          |
| 9. Peacekeeping         | 18. Menin Gate       |

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