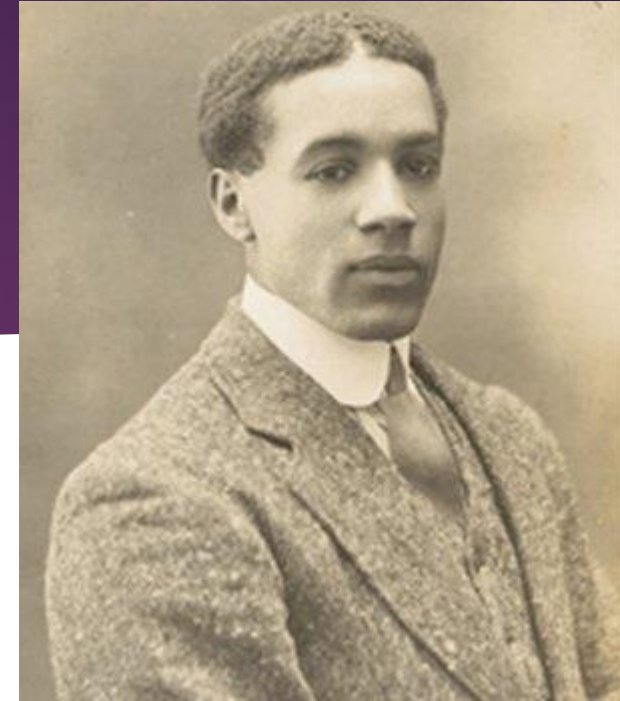
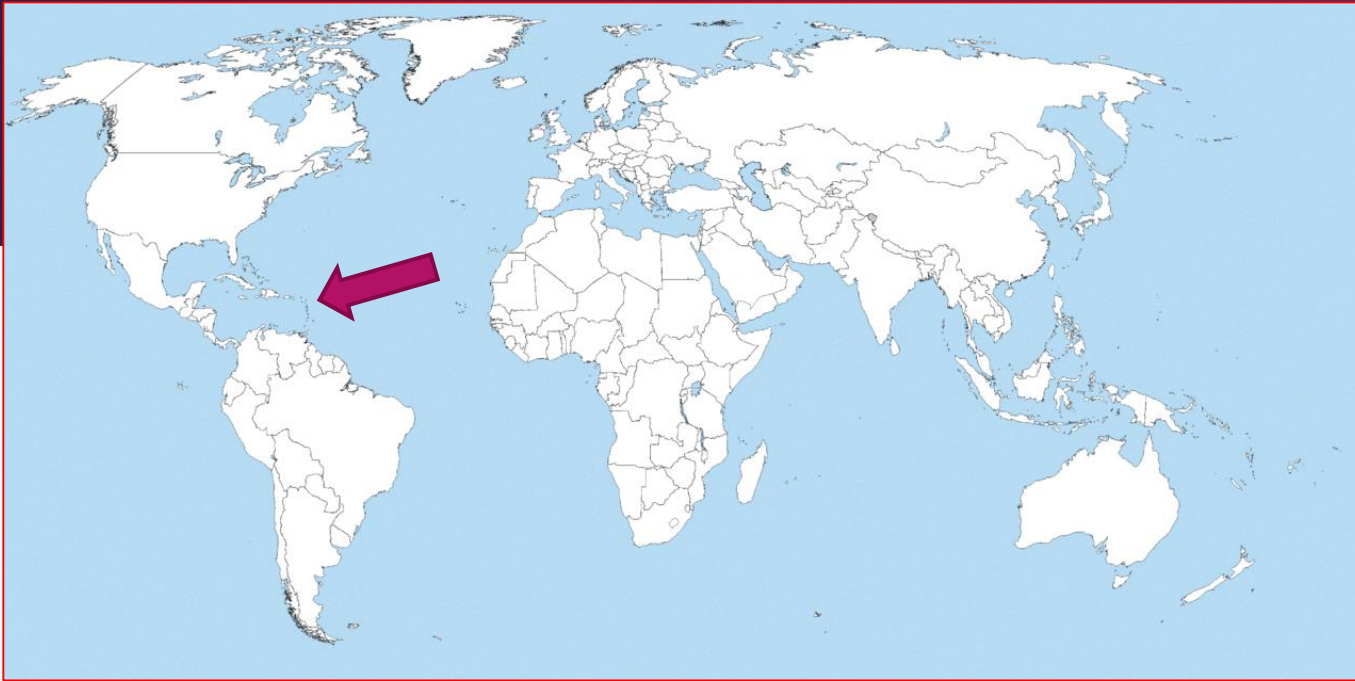




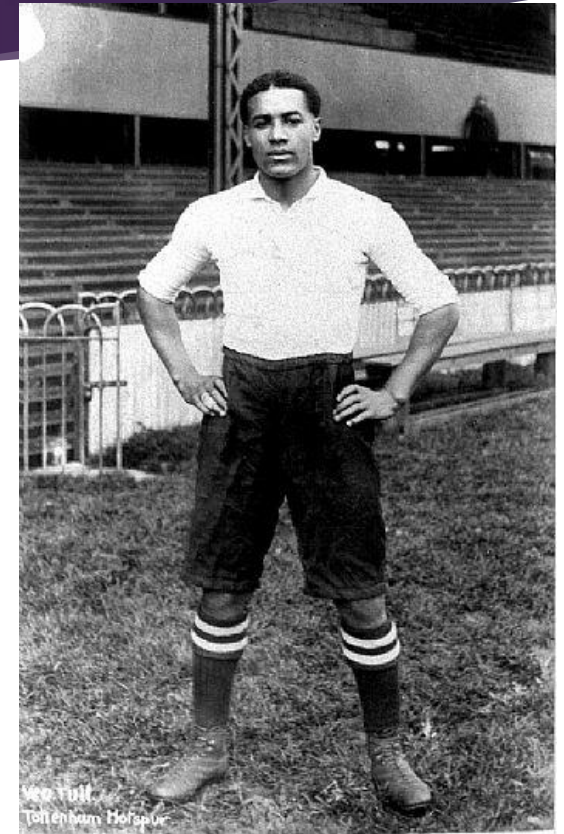


Walter Tull was born in Folkestone on 28th April 1888. His father was a carpenter from Barbados, who had moved to Folkestone and married an English woman. By the age of nine, Walter had lost both his parents and his only brother was moved away to live in Scotland.

Professional Footballer

In 1909 he signed as a professional for Tottenham Hotspur, on a weekly wage of £4-a-week. He was one of the very first players of dual-heritage to play professional football in England.

Despite being a talented professional footballer, Tull experienced terrible racism while playing for Tottenham and this continued when Tull moved on to play for Northampton Town.





First World War

After the First World War broke out in August 1914, Tull enlisted in the British Army. He rose to the rank of lance-sergeant and fought in the Battle of the Somme in 1916.

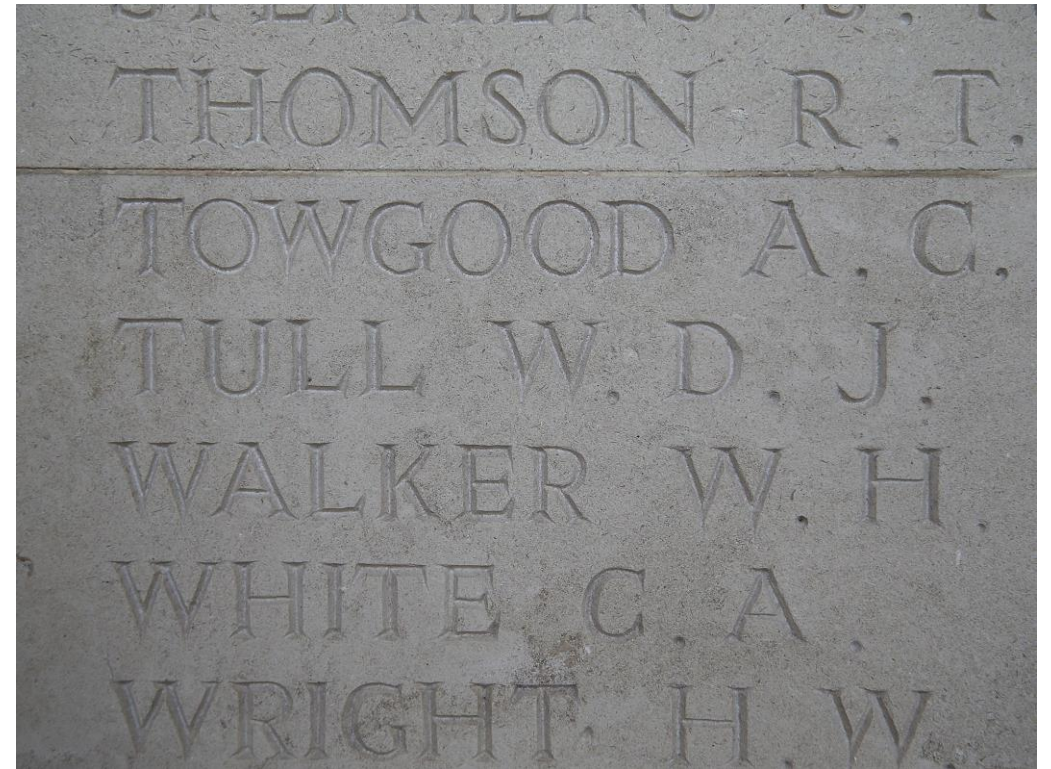
Tull was made a second lieutenant on 30 May 1917, he became the first dual-heritage infantry officer the British Army, this was despite non-white soldiers not being allowed to serve as officers.



Tull was killed in action on 25 March 1918, during the final months of the war. His body was never recovered, despite many fellow soldiers searching.

Tull was awarded the British War and Victory Medal and recommended for a Military Cross.

He was the first dual-heritage officer to lead British troops into battle.



Walter Tull 1888 -1918



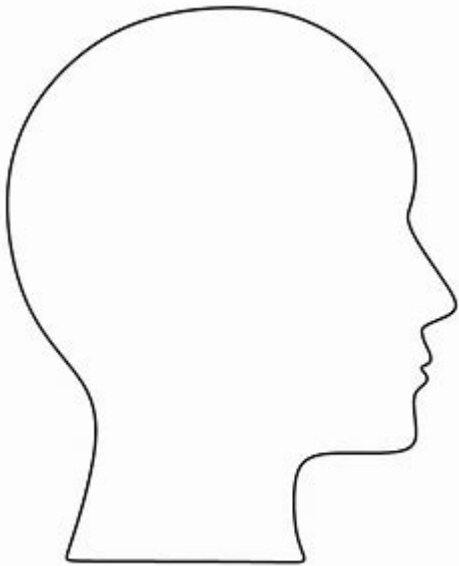
Orphan
Suffered racial abuse

Professional Footballer
War Hero



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