



Walter Tull

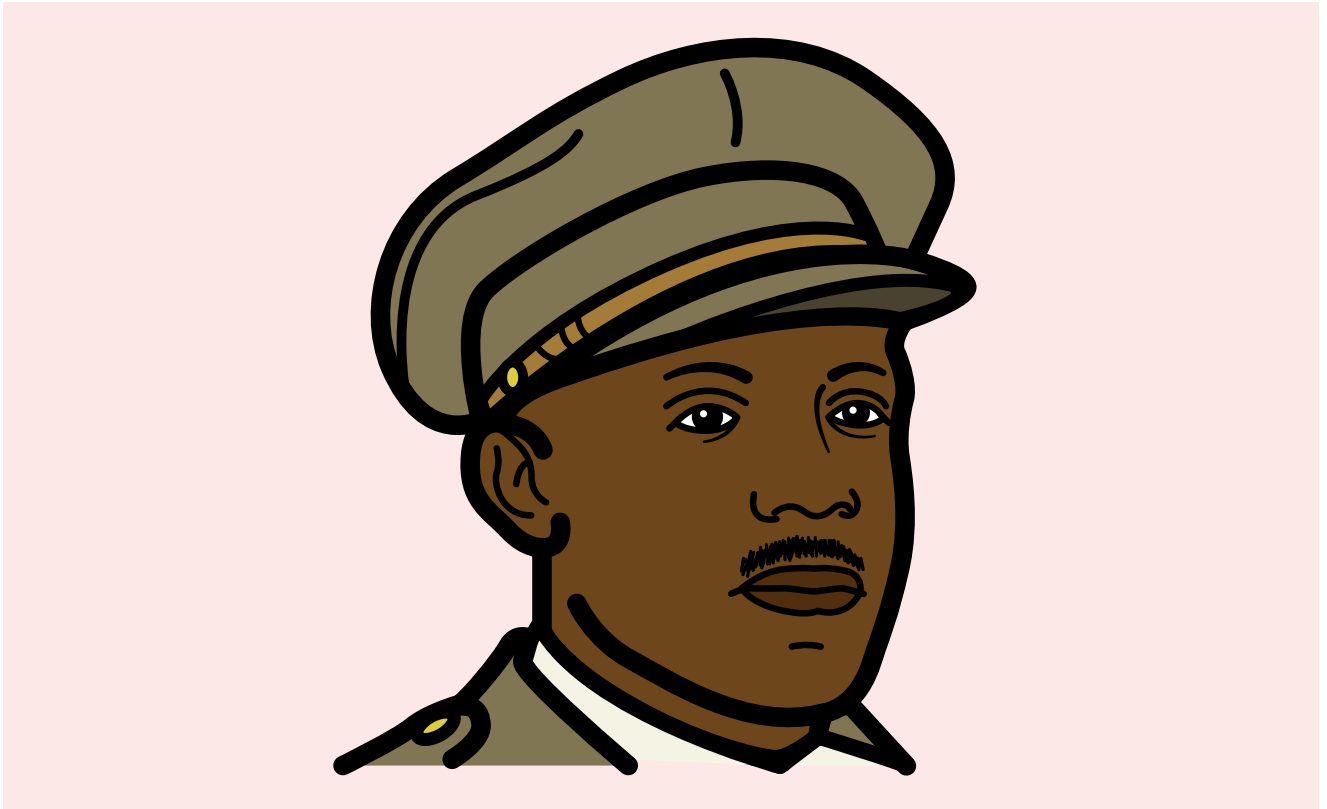
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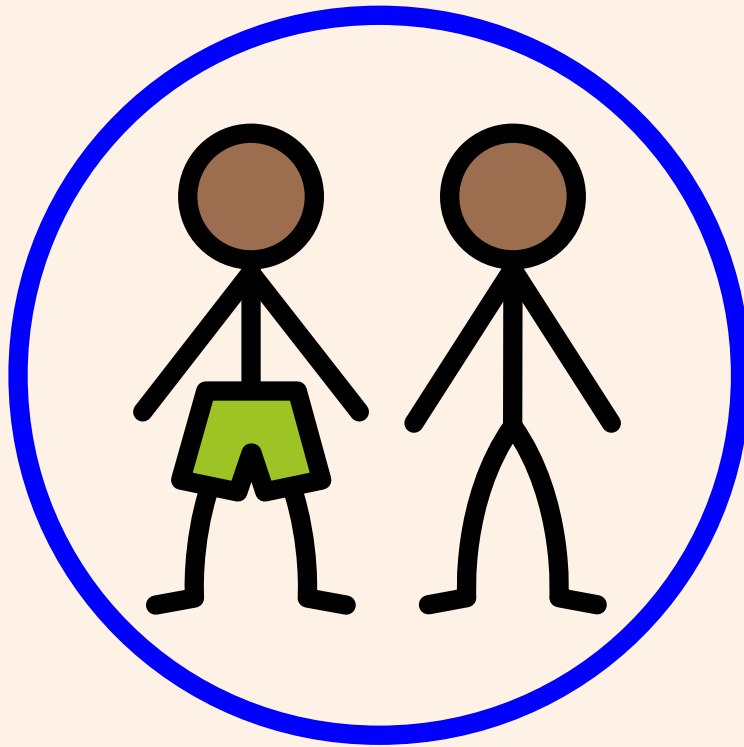


Walter Tull was born in Folkestone, Kent in 1888.

His mother, Alice Palmer, was also from Kent.

His father, Daniel Tull, was a carpenter from Barbados.

Walter's grandfather was a slave in Barbados.

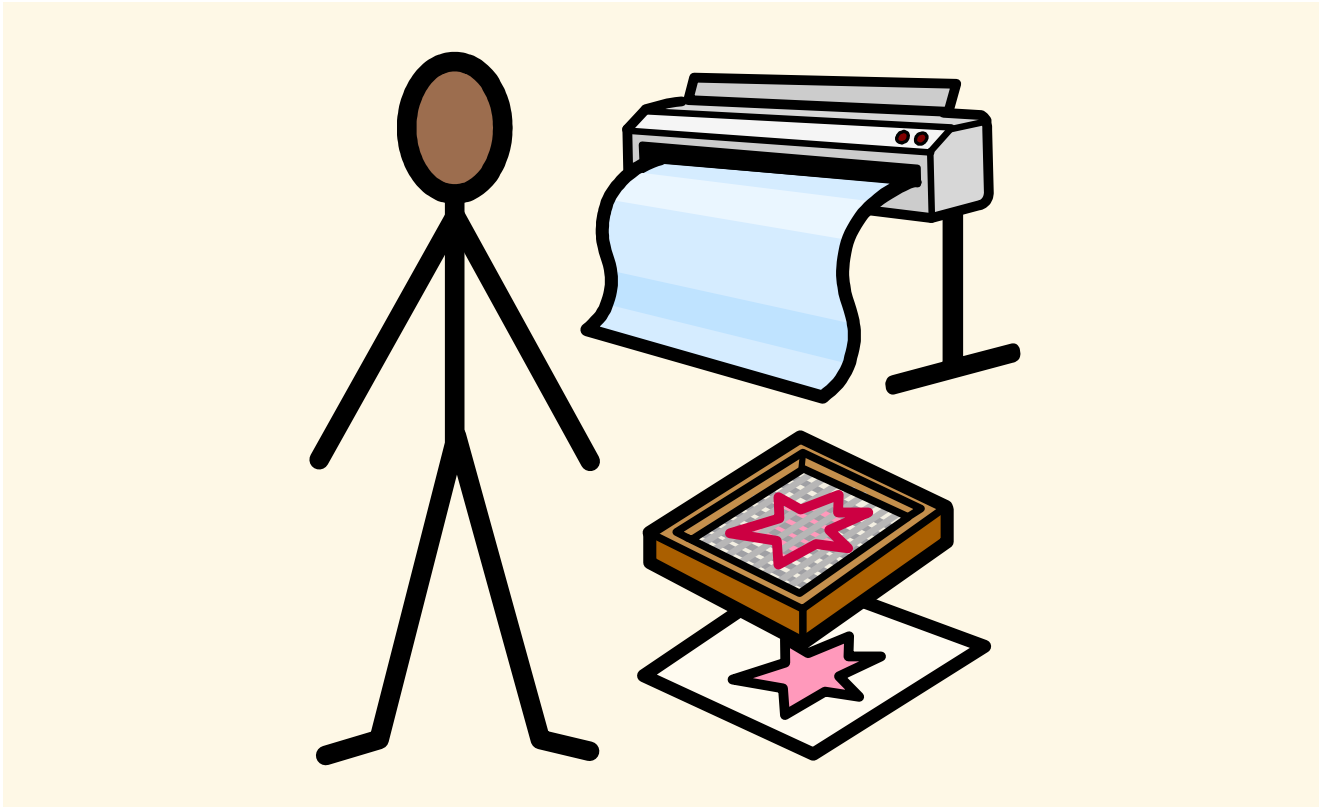


Walter's parents both died when Walter was young.

Walter had a brother called Edward.

Walter and his brother were sent to an orphanage.

From age 9 Walter grew up in a London orphanage.

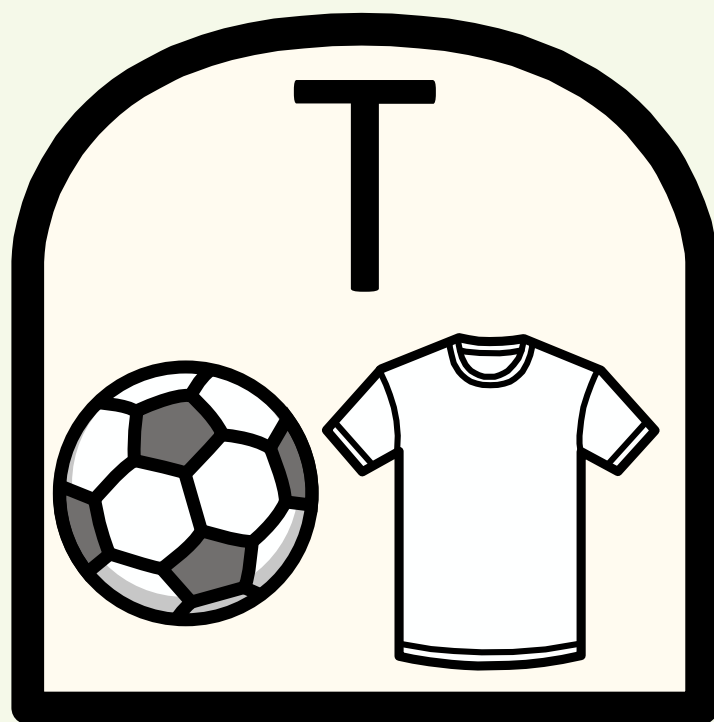


At the orphanage Walter and Edward went to school.

Walter began playing cricket and football.

Walter loved football and became very good.

After school he became a printer's apprentice.

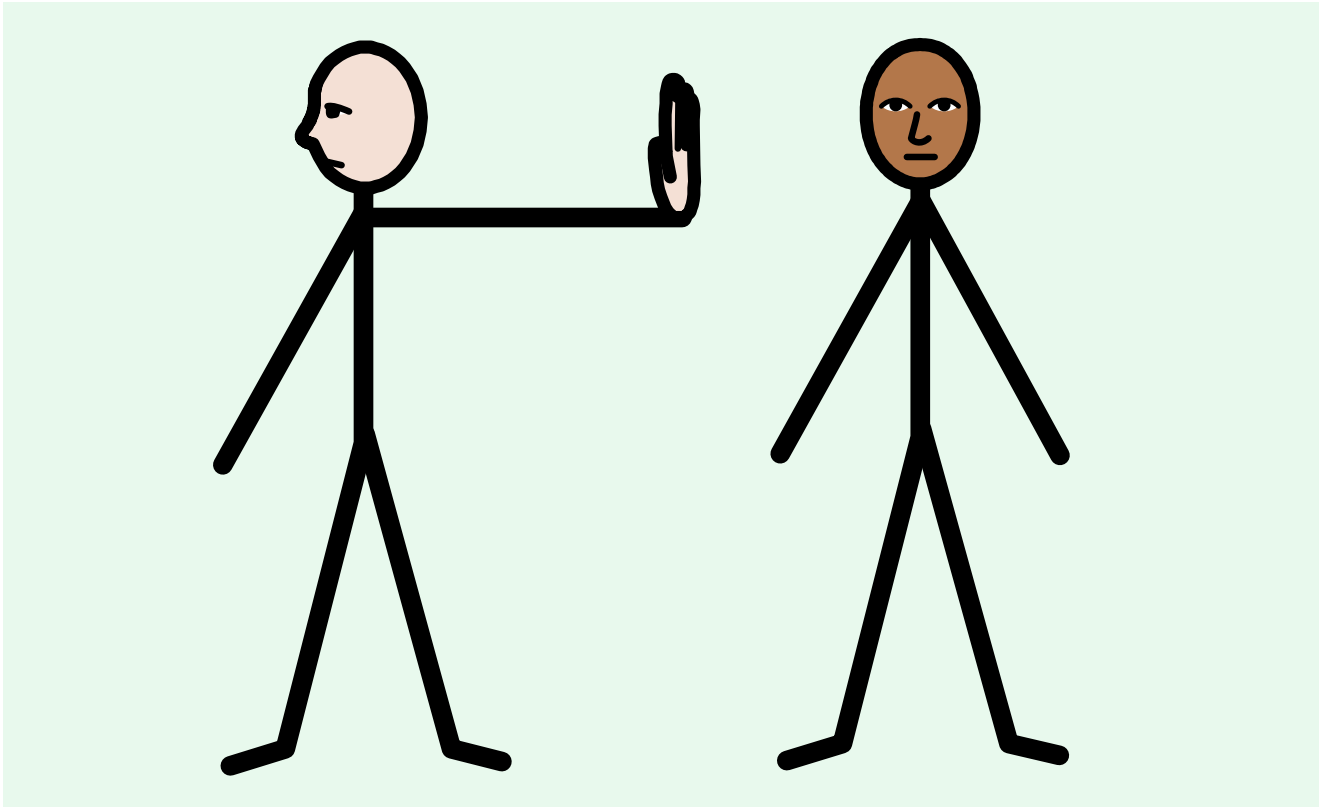


Walter was spotted playing for Clapton Football Club.

In 1909 Walter signed with Tottenham Hotspur.

Spurs was one of London's top professional teams.

Walter toured South America during his first season.

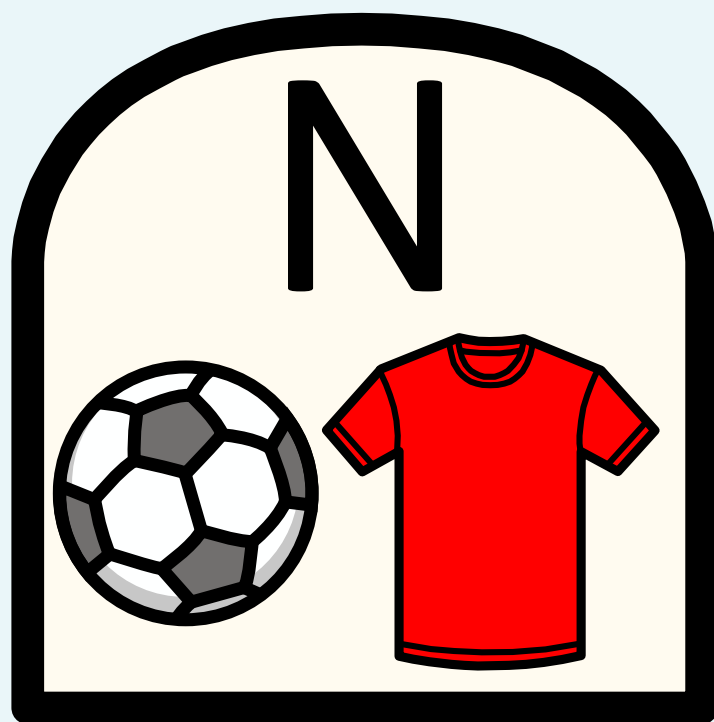


Walter gained a reputation for his accurate passing.

He was the second British black professional player.

Walter was racially abused by opposition fans.

He was dropped from the 1st team at Spurs.

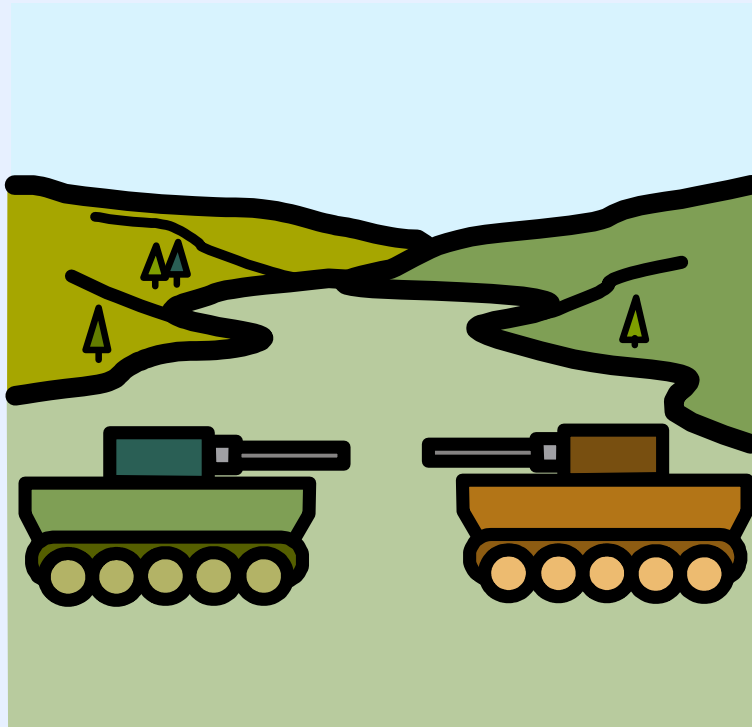


In 1911 Walter signed with Northampton Town.

Walter played 111 matches during his time there.

Walter scored 9 goals for Northampton Town.

In 1914 World War 1 began and football stopped.

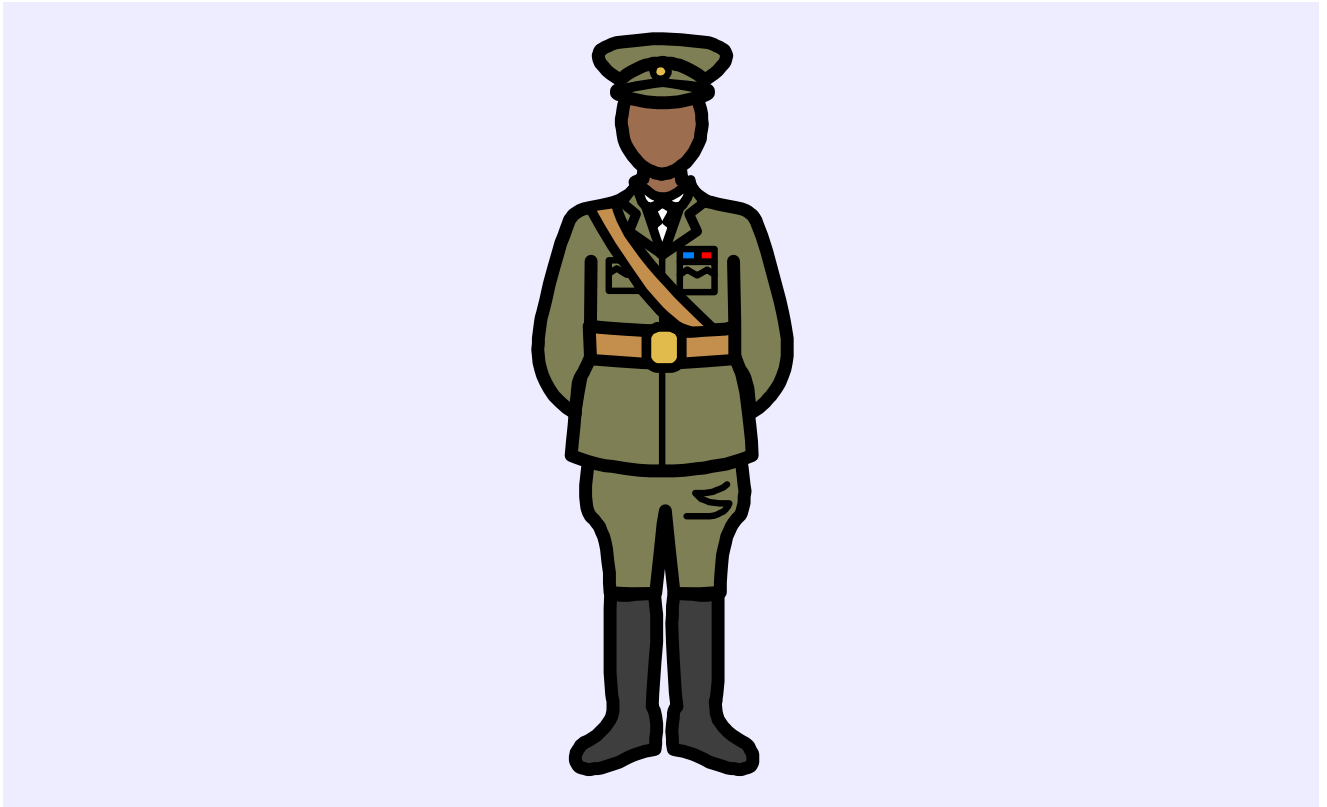


Walter enlisted in the British Army.

Walter served in the 2 Football Battalions.

He was a natural leader and promoted to sergeant.

In 1916 Walter fought in the Battle of the Somme.

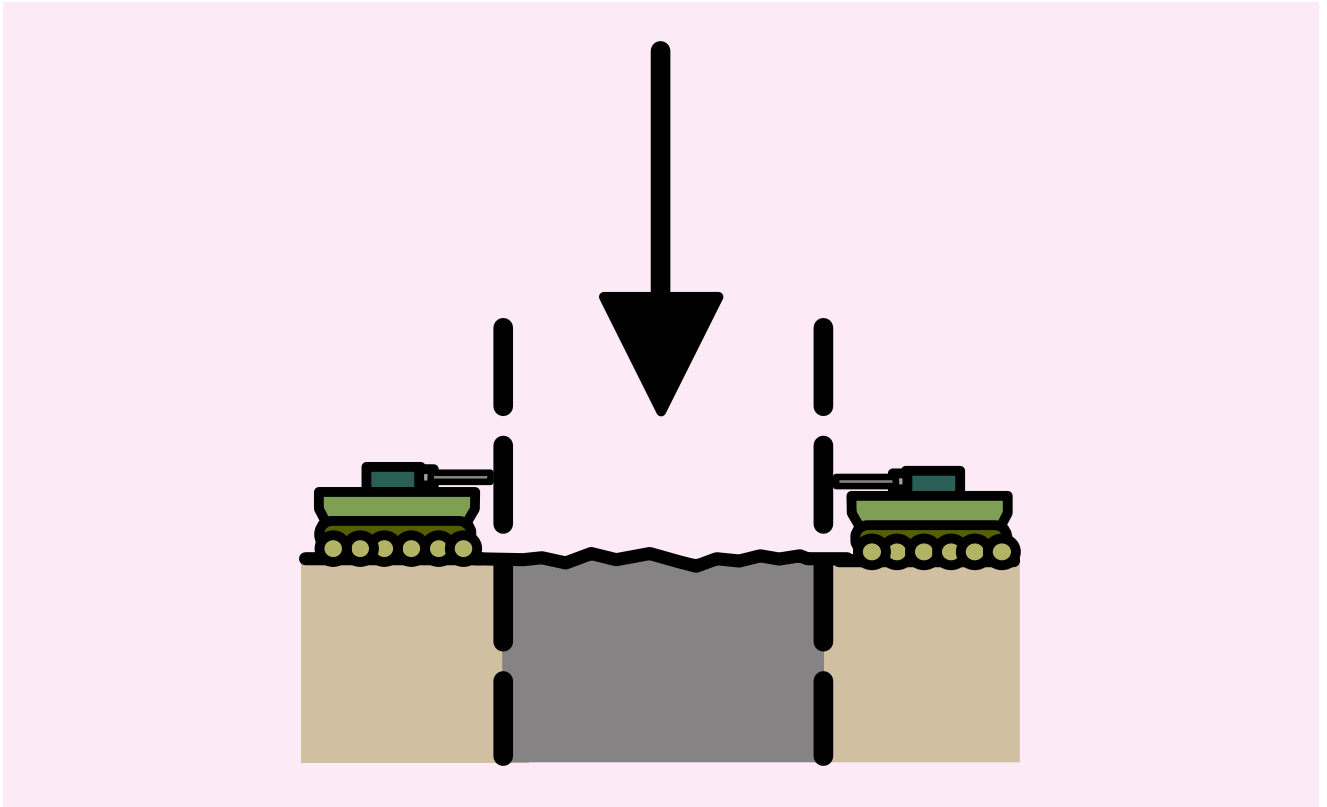


In 1917 Walter was promoted to lieutenant.

He was one of the 1st black officers in the army.

In Italy Walter led raids to the German trenches.

He was nominated for a Military Cross for bravery.

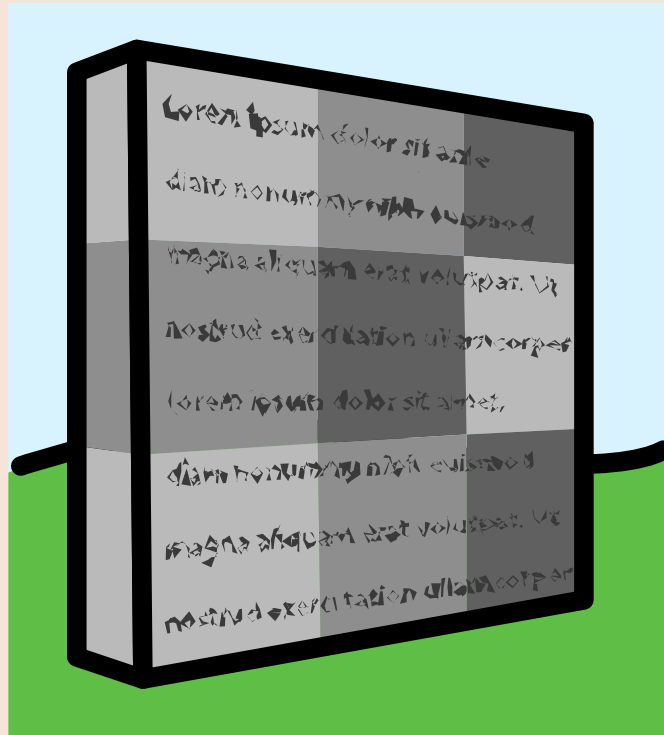


Walter returned to northern France in March 1918.

He was killed in action on 25th March 1918.

Walter's body was not found in No Man's Land.

Walter is buried somewhere in the Somme.



Walter received medals but not the Military Cross.

A road to Northampton Town was named after him.

In Northampton, a wall memorial tells about his life.

In 2014 Walter featured on a special £5 coin.



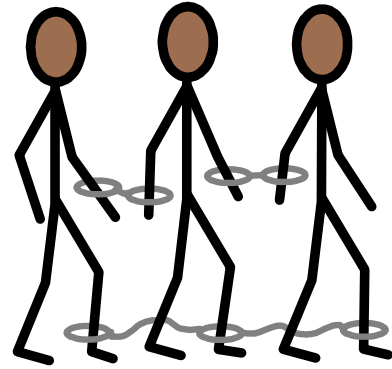
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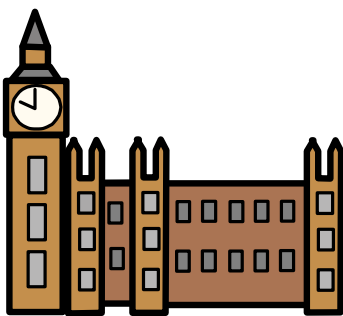
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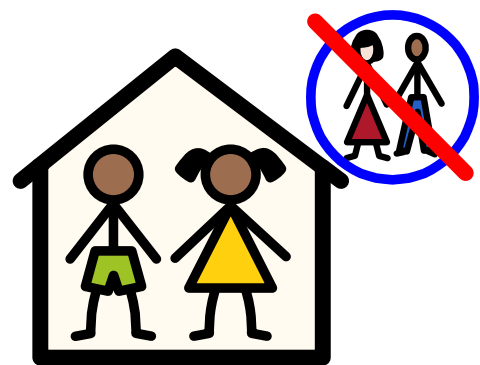
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slave



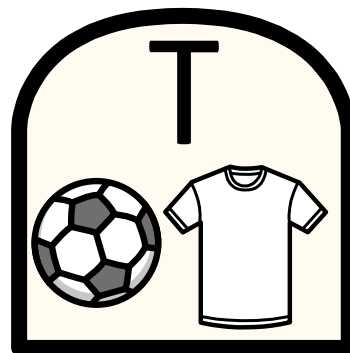
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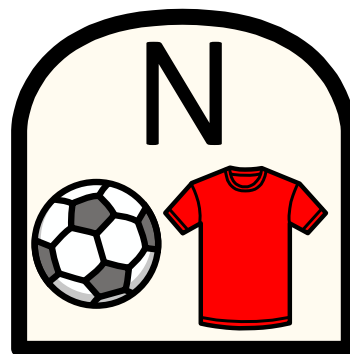
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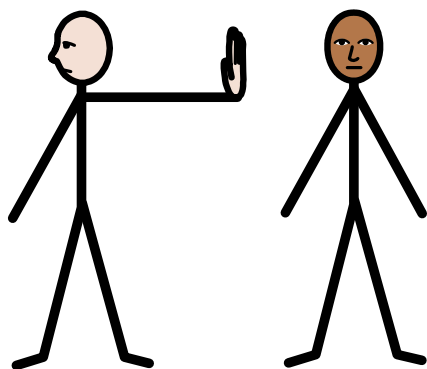
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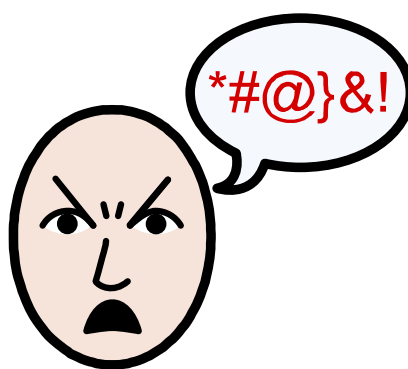
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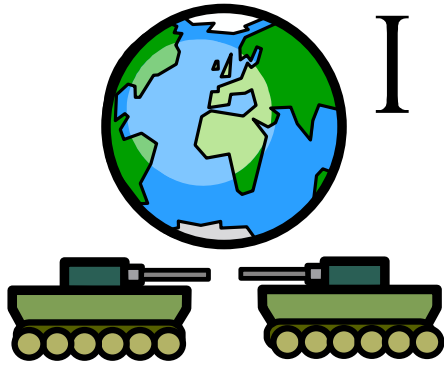
Northampton Town



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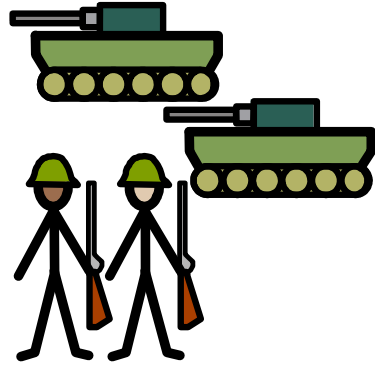


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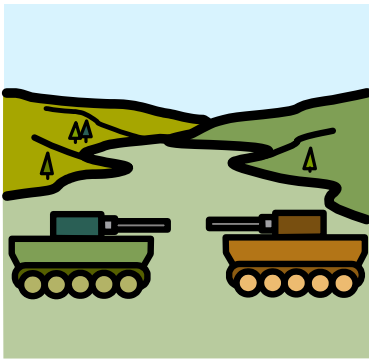


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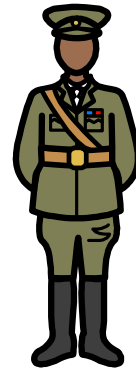
World War 1



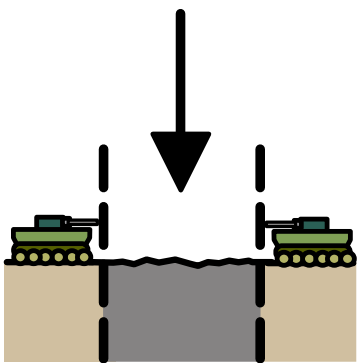
army



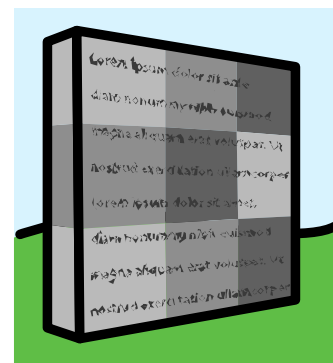
Battle of the Somme



lieutenant



No Man's Land



memorial