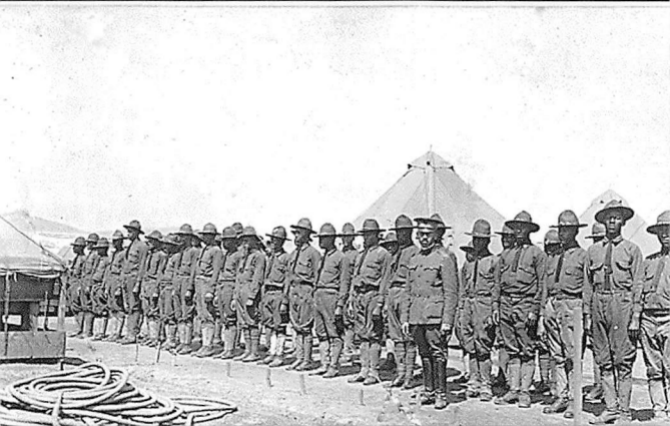


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# World War I African American Labor Battalions

This African American Army labor battalion was stationed at Governors Island in 1918. From the 1870's through 1900, Black soldiers maintained peace in the west and protected the US-Mexican border. By World War I, African American troops were no longer used for combat assignments and were shifted to manual labor and support roles.

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