

The Legacy of Black Soldiers in the Civil War

“Once let the black man get upon his person the brass letters U.S., let him get an eagle on his button, and a musket on his shoulder, and bullets in his pocket, and there is no power on the earth or under the earth which can deny that he has earned the right of citizenship in the United States.”

--Frederick Douglass, “Should the Negro Enlist in the Union Army,” July 6, 1863, Philadelphia, PA

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Men of Company E, 4th USCT, Fort Lincoln, Washington DC, Nov. 1865 (Library of Congress)



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