The Rt Hon Marcus Jones MP

Member of Parliament for Nuneaton



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Dear Year 5,

Thank you so much for your letters which I have read very carefully. Your passion and knowledge comes across very clearly.

World War 1 was an epic conflict which resulted in huge sacrifice and suffering.

It is wonderful that you have focused on Walter Tull. Phil Vasili who wrote a book about Walter said:

"Through his actions, W. D. J. Tull ridiculed the barriers of ignorance that tried to deny people of colour equality with their contemporaries. His life stands testament to a determination to confront those people and those obstacles that sought to diminish him and the world in which he lived. It reveals a man, though rendered breathless in his prime, whose strong heart still beats loudly."

Although the campaign to award him a Military Cross did not succeed it is heart-warming that so many memorials to Walter are now appearing across our country.

As a footballer, a soldier and a person he was an inspiration to others.

Your research and your letters show that his memory is alive. My congratulations to you all.

Yours Sincerely,

Rt Hon Marcus Jones MP