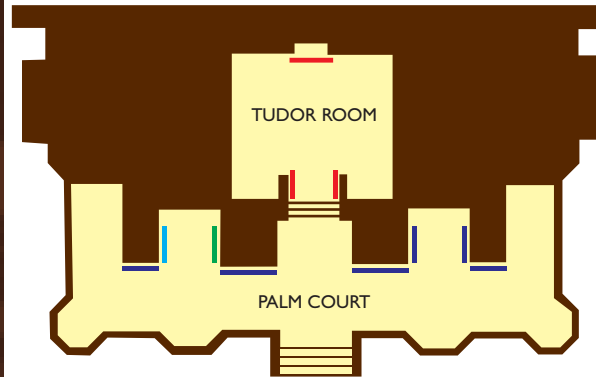




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Photos, clockwise from top-left: Tull family portrait; Children's Home, East London; Mundella School, Folkestone; Soldiers marching along The Leas, Folkestone; Walter with siblings Edward and Cecilia; 2nd Lieutenant Tull; Clapton F.C.; Orphanage football team.



Crossing the White Line: The Walter Tull Exhibition forms part of a larger project put together by *City of Westminster Archives* and funded by the *Heritage Lottery Fund* and *Kick it Out*.

The project aims to raise awareness and celebrate the life of Walter Tull, Britain's first black Army Officer, who was born in Folkestone, Kent.

By the time he was nine both his parents had died and he was sent to an orphanage in London. His great love was football and he became a professional footballer, playing for Tottenham Hotspur and Northampton Town.

When the First World War broke out, Walter was one of the first to sign up to the Footballers Battalion. He was a true hero and within three years he became

Britain's first black infantry officer. In 1918 he successfully led his men on a dangerous mission in Piave, Italy, which led him to be nominated for a Military Cross, which he never received.

On the 25th March 1918, Walter Tull was killed on the Western front. He was just 29 years old.

For more information visit www.crossingthewhiteline.com