

**Subject Area & Grade:** Math Grade 2 (Fact Families up to 20)

**Curriculum Link (ON):** *B2.2 recall and demonstrate addition facts for numbers up to 20, and related subtraction facts*

**Learning Goal:** Learning to recall and demonstrate addition facts up to 20 and related subtraction facts by counting and analyzing the number of recruits from each province and territory who enlisted with the Black Battalion

**Learning Activity:** Display the No.2 Construction Battalion map showing the number of Black Battalion members in each province.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1fbqnsV2POkGrRr8dUfKqbM8gSMioUayl&hl=en&ll=43.421973615172185%2C-79.82317448957029&z=4>

Explain that each dot represents one member of the No. 2 Construction Battalion, and that we will be counting these dots to determine how many members came from each province. As a class, count the dots in each province. (You may need to zoom in on Ontario and Nova Scotia, as these areas have more dots, with some overlapping. Focusing on specific sections at a time can make counting easier.) Create a table on the whiteboard for the class to tally the number of recruits from each province. A labeled map of Canada is provided for you to enlarge and photocopy, so you can write the number of recruits in each province. This will help students visually see the number of recruits in each province.

<https://www.superteacherworksheets.com/canada.html>

Have the class look at the table:

1. Why do you think there are so many recruits from Ontario and Nova Scotia?

2. Why are there no recruits, or very few, from the other provinces?

*Possible answers: Large Black populations settled in Ontario and Nova Scotia because established Black communities already existed in those areas; Greater economic opportunities, such as farming in Ontario or working in industries along the Atlantic Coast in Nova Scotia; Black settlers often concentrated in provinces with more accessible resources and existing networks.*

Students can proceed to complete the Fact Families Worksheet.

## **Answer Key**

### **The number of Black Battalion members in each province/territory**

British Columbia - 6

Alberta - 14

Saskatchewan - 0

Manitoba - 3

Ontario - 66

Quebec - 4

Newfoundland and Labrador - 0

New Brunswick - 15

Nova Scotia - 85

Prince Edward Island (PEI) - 0

Yukon Territory - 0

Northwest Territories - 0

Nunavut - 0

\*Please note that every effort was made to count accurately. However, the numbers of Black Battalion members in each province/territory may not be exact, and not every member was mapped.