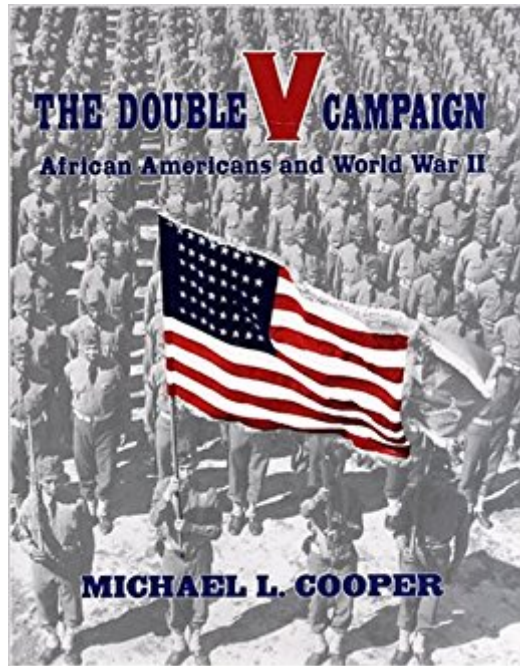




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In January 1997, seven black veterans were awarded the Medal of Honor for their valor in World War II. They had been overlooked because of racial prejudice. Michael L. Cooper, author of *Hell Fighters: African American Soldiers in World War I*, describes the problems black servicemen faced in their fight for a double victory. The Double V Campaign, as it was called, inspired black soldiers to fight on the front lines abroad as well as to fight segregation and inequality at home. Tracing the activities of two reactivated black infantry divisions, the Ninety-second in Europe and the Ninety-third in the Pacific, the author succinctly describes key battles and the individuals who fought in them. At war's end, black veterans joined other African Americans in battling racism on the homefront.

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Grade 6-8-Cooper examines the two-part campaign waged by African Americans during the Second World War, which emphasized the defeat of fascist states abroad and the improvement of civil rights and economic opportunities at home. He provides brief background about both the causes of the war and the levels of discrimination that blacks faced in the U.S. He explains how the constant efforts of countless individuals broke down some of the racial barriers within the armed services. The author describes the training blacks received, their treatment by and their difficulties with the white power structure, and their battlefield performances. He is objective about his subject, detailing both the strengths and weaknesses of the African-American servicepeople. Numerous black-and-white photographs show the participation of these men and women in all aspects of the

war effort. This book will draw both report writers and general readers. It complements titles such as Jacqueline Harris's *The Tuskegee Airmen* (Dillon, 1995) and Joe Trotter's *From a Raw Deal to a New Deal?* (Oxford, 1996), which places the black war experience in the broader context of an era and provides a fuller explanation of how the Double V campaign influenced the post-war civil rights movement. Mary Mueller, Rolla Junior High School, MO Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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