# Unwanted Warriors: Rejected Volunteers Of The Canadian Expeditionary Force (Studies In Canadian Military History)

When the First World War broke out in 1914, thousands of Canadians rushed to enlist in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF). However, not everyone who wanted to serve was accepted. In fact, out of the over 600,000 Canadians who applied to join the CEF, over 100,000 were rejected.

There were many reasons why a volunteer might be rejected. Some were too young, some were too old, and some had physical or mental disabilities. Others were deemed to be morally unsuitable for military service.

The rejection of so many volunteers was a source of great disappointment for those who were turned away. Many of them had a strong desire to serve their country, and they were heartbroken when they were told that they were not eligible.



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#### **Reasons for Rejection**

There were a number of reasons why a volunteer might be rejected from the CEF. Some of the most common reasons included:

- Medical unfitness. Volunteers had to pass a physical and mental examination in Free Download to be accepted into the CEF. Those who had any serious medical conditions were automatically rejected.
- Age. Volunteers had to be between the ages of 18 and 45 in Free
   Download to be accepted into the CEF. Those who were too young or
   too old were automatically rejected.
- Moral unfitness. Volunteers had to be of good moral character in Free Download to be accepted into the CEF. Those who had been convicted of a crime or who were considered to be morally unsuitable were automatically rejected.
- Citizenship. Volunteers had to be British subjects in Free Download to be accepted into the CEF. Those who were not British subjects were automatically rejected.

#### The Impact of Rejection

The rejection of so many volunteers had a significant impact on the CEF.

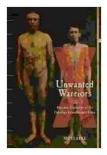
The CEF was always short of manpower, and the rejection of so many volunteers made it even more difficult to fill the ranks.

The rejection of volunteers also had a significant impact on the morale of the CEF. Many of the volunteers who were rejected were deeply disappointed, and their disappointment could sometimes lead to resentment.

#### The Legacy of Rejected Volunteers

The stories of the rejected volunteers of the CEF are an important part of the history of the First World War. They remind us that not everyone who wanted to fight for their country was able to do so. They also remind us of the sacrifices that were made by those who did serve.

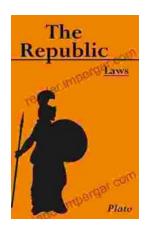
The rejected volunteers of the CEF deserve to be remembered for their patriotism and their willingness to serve their country. They are a reminder that the First World War was a truly global conflict that touched the lives of people all over the world.



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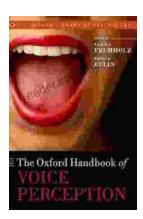
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