Chinese Labour Corps:

the forgotten story of the 135,000 Chinese who worked for the French and British armies during World War One

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From 1916 to 1922, 135,000 Chinese went to France and Belgium to help the Allied armies during World War One. They were the largest single contingent of foreign workers in France. A new book, *Chinese Labour Corps*, published by Penguin and available now on Kindle, tells the extraordinary story of how and why they were recruited: their long journey across two oceans and Canada: the work they did and the treatment they received in Europe. The author of the book, Mark O'Neill, will explain with words and pictures a page of history that you have never read. They made an important contribution to the Allied victory - but Britain, France and the United States ignored it at the Versailles Peace Conference and gave the fruits of victory to another Asian power - Japan.

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