ism and hatred black soldiers were forced to overcome. The author has wisely included a number of special features. There are guides to the formation and service records of African American cavalry and infantry units, lists of battles they participated in. Buffalo Soldier postings from 1865-1917, World War I and World War II recruitment camps and postings, a list of black Medal of Honor winners, and a general chronology, as well as one specific to desegregation of the military.

Fascinating and revealing, African Americans at War: An Encyclopedia is a good source for background information, while at the same time, pointing to the fact that there is more fertile ground for research. This set is written for a broad audience and should be welcome by public, high school and undergraduate libraries.

Another 2-volume set from ABC-CLIO focusing on a specific, under researched aspect of history is Alcohol and Temperance in Modern History: An International History (2003, 1576078345, $185). While alcohol use, and abuse, is an old as history itself, this reference is confined to discussion of the production and use of alcohol beverages in the modern world and ranges from the earliest evidence of Scotch whiskey to the rise of microbreweries. However, to give the full historic perspective, the editors tie their discussion to the temperance and prohibition movements that reflected social concern and exercised influence on government policies toward alcohol use and production. Close to 500 articles by 170 international scholars recount this history. Coverage is global and there is an index by geographic area to aid in finding country and region specific articles. The articles are diverse and cover topics from specific beverages like sake and absinthe, to famous producers like the Guinness Brewery and the Brofman family, to social impacts and rates of consumption. There are also entries on the various temperance movements like the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Australia and France's Ligue Nationale contre l'Alcoolisme, as well as on government regulatory agencies like the Provincial Liquor Board of Canada and self-help organizations like Alcoholics Anonymous. A number of other articles provide biographies of people ranging from reformers like Carrie Nation to famous drinkers like Winston Churchill.

The overall impression left by this set is one of a serious and factual synthesis.

Alcohol and Temperance in Modern History: An International History enables the reader to come to a clearer understanding of the commercial and social impacts that alcohol use and production have caused, as well as the societal response. The extent of that impact, as reflected in this set, is substantial. This reference work is a worthwhile choice for both public and academic libraries where there is interest.

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