

BLACKADDER GOES FORTH

Character Breakdown

MAIN CHARACTERS

Captain Edmund Blackadder

a disillusioned and cynical British Army Captain, he finds the prospect of fighting against armed soldiers who could actually kill him both distasteful and stupid.

MALE Playing age 35-40

Private Baldrick

Baldrick's intelligence is not high, but he does desire a rise in social status, as such he is aware of the classes and is a supporter of the Russian Revolution, as well as being angry when Blackadder hits him times.

MALE Playing age 25-32

Lt. George Colthurst St. Barleigh

George is an upper-class twit and an overexcited, keen and oblivious young lieutenant.

MALE Playing age 25-32

General Melchett

Melchett is a loud, childish, unintelligent, incompetent, pompous warmonger whose battle tactics and general attitudes towards warfare are stuck firmly in a bygone era. Melchett fails to understand or comprehend the basic concepts of modern trench warfare and is unable formulate a new strategy that would suit it. Instead he continuously sends his men to a senseless death with seemingly no tactics at all.

MALE Playing age 45-55

Captain Darling

Darling is Blackadder's intellectual peer and bitter rival. While Blackadder reluctantly serves in the trenches, Darling is safely stationed some distance from the front line.

Darling is the sycophantic adjutant to General Melchett.

MALE Playing age 35-40

Driver 'Bob' Parkhurst

General Melchett's driver, Bob Parkhurst. Captain Blackadder recognises her gender immediately and she begs him not to give her away. Everyone else fails to recognise her, except Flashheart, who seduces her, much to Blackadder's annoyance.

FEMALE Playing age 25-32

Sq. Cmdr. Lord Flashheart

Lord Flashheart is a boisterous and an arrogant World War I flying ace. A womaniser, attractive to all the women he meets, he is extremely popular among his peers and becomes the centre of attention whenever he enters a room. He is the stereotype of a certain kind of hero, slanted to emphasise the negative qualities associated with such characters such as narcissism, sexism and promiscuity.

MALE Playing age 35-45

Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig

The hard-nosed leader of the British Army during the First World War whose best advice for Blackadder is pretend to be insane and sent home, a plan which Blackadder had already tried.

MALE Playing age 50-60

Baron von Richthofen

A German Flying ace who imprisons Blackadder behind enemy lines. Blond, and stereotypically Arian.

MALE Playing age 35-45

ADDITIONAL CHARACTERS

Corporal Jones

The overly cheerful and fast-talking head of a firing squad sent by a court martial to shoot Captain Edmund Blackadder.

MALE Playing age 30-50

Private Fraser

Member of the firing squad

MALE or FEMALE Playing age 25-40

Private Robinson

Member of the firing squad

MALE or FEMALE Playing age 25-40

Private Tipperwick

Member of the firing squad

MALE or FEMALE Playing age 25-40

Corporal Perkins

The very polite jailer of Captain Edmund Blackadder, when he was up for a court martial.

MALE Playing age 30-50

EXTRAS

Court Martial Officials

MALE or FEMALE [but will be dressed as men], any age

Trench Soldiers

MALE or FEMALE [but will be dressed as men], any age

Pilot Trainees

MALE or FEMALE [but will be dressed as men], any age