

THE LAND AROUND US.

DORSET COUNTY IS FULL OF HISTORY AND ROMANCE.

Dorset—home of sheep and oak trees. That's the interesting country in which the First Canadian Tank Battalion is getting its training. It is a beautiful shire, as every Tank with eyes will admit.

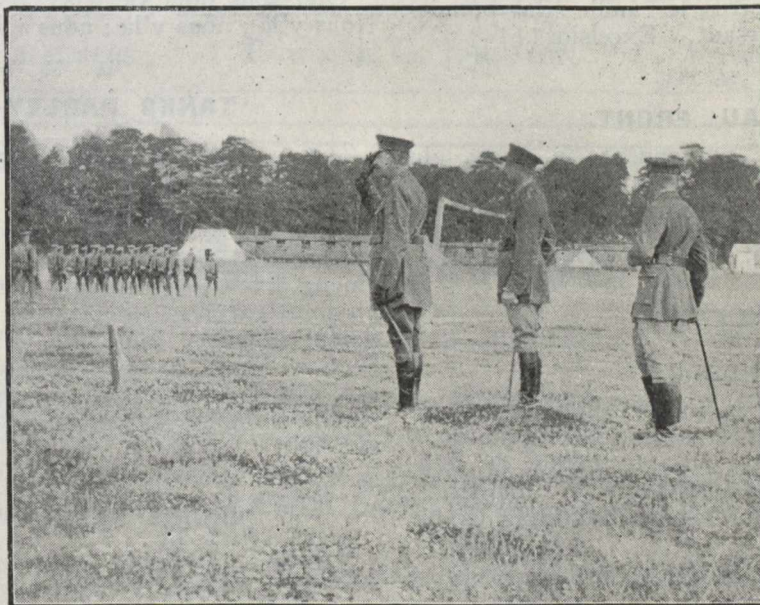
In the immediate vicinity are a number of places that date back to the Romans, while other spots have later histories. There is Bindon Abbey, just the other side of Wool. The moat and the rectangle that once was the cloister garth are almost the only parts of the place which have not disappeared with the years. The abbey dates back to the 13th century, when it was built by the Cistercian monks. It was destroyed by order of Henry VIII.

Every Sunday evening has found a dozen or so of the Tanks attending the evensong service in the

little church at Bere Regis, where kings and peasants have worshipped for 798 years. The church, with its funny gargoyles, the old Roman font, the crypts, stripped of their brass plates by Oliver Cromwell, and the beautifully carved altar, is a most interesting spot.

Near Wool the Frome river runs, and where it crosses the main road is Woolbridge Manor House, the Wellbridge Manor of Thomas Hardy's "Tess, of the D'Urbervilles." The Turbervilles have left their marks all over this countryside, at Bere Regis, where their tombs are, at Wareham, and elsewhere.

The Roman amphitheatre at Dorchester, the Roman trenches on the hillside at Lulworth, and the tall obelisk at Moreton are other points of interest. The obelisk, by the way, was erected in memory of a famous race horse.



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BATTALION CELEBRITIES.

Mineau, an "A" Company Tank,
Who once was a clerk in a bank,
With a six pounder shell
Blew a target to hell,
And now you should see his swank.

The "top-kick" of Company "B,"
A fine sergeant-major is he;
His last name is Wade,
When he hollers "Par-r-a-de!"
It sounds mighty snappy to me.

THE NEW GARRISON.

**Sprightly comedies, pretty revues and good
"movies."**

The Tanks certainly appreciate the New Garrison Theatre, operated in camp by the N.A.C.B. The theatre has been putting on some breezy comediettas, interesting dramas, and some real American film plays.

"Broadway Jones" was by far the most popular production, but the "Moonshine" company ran them close for honours.