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KING GEORGE PROUD OF CANADIAN TANKS.

His Majesty was pleased with Battalion's Smart Appearance at Lulworth Review—Mimic Battle Staged—University yells given.

"I am very much pleased with the smart appearance of the Canadian Tank Battalion, and I am proud to have it in the Tank Corps." This was the way His Majesty the King expressed himself to Lt.-Col. Denison, following the review at Lulworth on Friday, October 25th, when the King made his first visit to the Tank Corps Training Centre. Every company of the First Canadian Tank Battalion was present, and, in addition, an Imperial Tank Battalion and an American Tank Unit took part in the review, which was followed by a mimic tank battle, staged on the ranges.

It was a great day for the Tanks. "B" Company came in from Sherford Camp, and "A" Company marched in from Bovington. "C" Company had been spending the week at Lulworth.

Three battalions were inspected by His Majesty: the Canadians, the English Light Tank Battalion, and an American Tank Unit, which marched in from Wareham. The battalions formed up as companies in line on the Parade Ground at Lulworth, with the Canadians, as senior battalion, occupying the place of honour in the centre, supported on the right flank by the Imperials and on the left by the "Yanks."

His Majesty was met at Wool Station by Brig.-Gen. E. A. Matthew Lannowe, D.S.O., commandant of the Tank Corps Training Centre. A guard of honour from the Canadian Tank Depot, under Major P. H. Smith, lined the road from Wool Station through the town.

Accompanying the King were Lt.-Gen. Sir H. C. Slater, G.O.C., of the Southern Command, the Rt. Hon. Walter Long, Colonial Secretary, and a number of staff officers and equerries-in-waiting.

His Majesty evinced a great interest in the Canadian Tank Battalion. He asked Col. Denison about the Universities that raised the different companies, the average age of the men and a number of other questions.

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was staged on the ranges. A system of trenches had been specially prepared, and ten large tanks and three whippets took part in the attack. His Majesty went into action in one of the whippets.

The "show" lasted for nearly an hour, and the boys watched the proceedings from various vantage points along the Lulworth Camp road. It was quite thrilling, to put it mildly. Aeroplanes flying overhead; smoke screens floating on the breeze; a hundred shells a minute bursting uncomfortably close to the "German" strong points; machine guns rattling; all in all, it was some battle.

The battalions under inspection lined the roads out of camp as the King was leaving, and when it came to giving three cheers, the Canadians proved their lungs were not one whit smaller than those of the Imperials or the Americans. As the King passed the Toronto University Company, the boys gave the "Blue and White" yell, and McGill followed suit as the King passed "B" company.

As he passed Major Mavor, the King shook hands with the snappy "A" Co. O.C., and asked him if he had quite recovered from the effects of the wounds that gave him his four gold stripes.