#12 An Unpleasant Surprise



World War I saw great jumps in technology including the first use of tanks at the Battle of Cambrai.

With the aid of a Mark I IV tank British troops breach German defenses during the Battle of Cambrai. The Battle of Cambrai was a British attack in the First World War, followed by the biggest German counter-attack against the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) since 1914. During the attack British forces utilized tanks. After a big British success on the first day, mechanical unreliability, German artillery and infantry defenses exposed the short comings of the Mark IV tank.

The First World War saw great jumps in technology, and subsequently in casualties in the armed forces. For the first time armies were using machine guns, heavy artillery, airplanes and tanks.

Stratford residents were among the 4.7 million men and women who served in the U.S. Armed forces during WW1.