

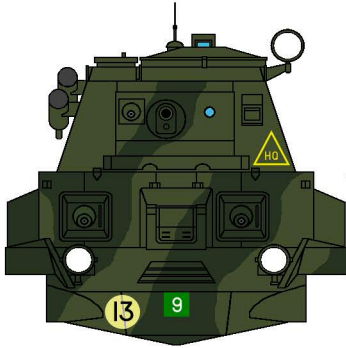
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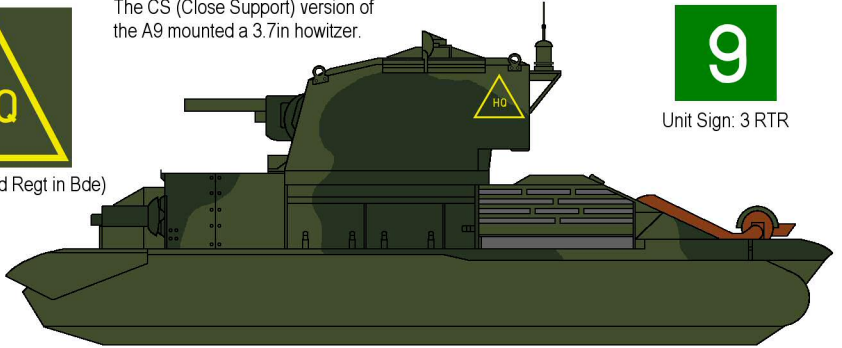
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Cruiser Mk. ICS (A9CS) - 'A' Squadron Headquarters, 3rd Bn Royal Tank Regiment, 3rd Armd Bde, 1st Armd Div, Calais, 1940



'A' Sqn HQ (2nd Regt in Bde)

The CS (Close Support) version of the A9 mounted a 3.7in howitzer.



Unit Sign: 3 RTR

Scout Carrier, unit unknown (possibly in 1st Armd Div), 1940

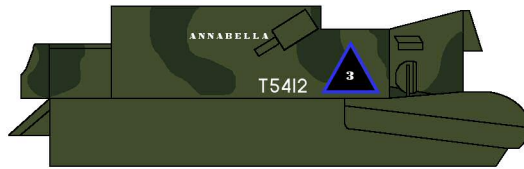
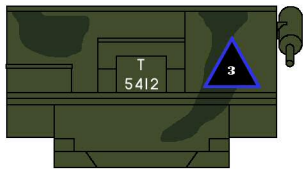
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Vehicle Name

That this scout carrier belonged to 1st Armd Div I cannot confirm, thus the colour of the tac sign is also a guess. The centre is darker than the rest of the finish, the number white and the triangle light, but not yellow light.



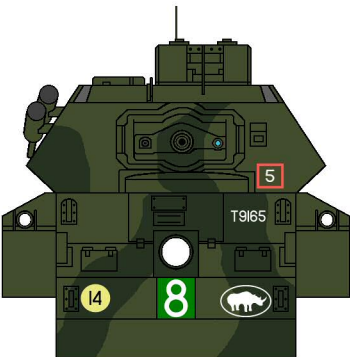
Tac Sign



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Serial Number

Cruiser Mk. IVA (A13 Mk.II) - '5' Troop, 'B' Squadron, 2nd Bn Royal Tank Regiment, 3rd Armd Bde, 1st Armd Div, 1940



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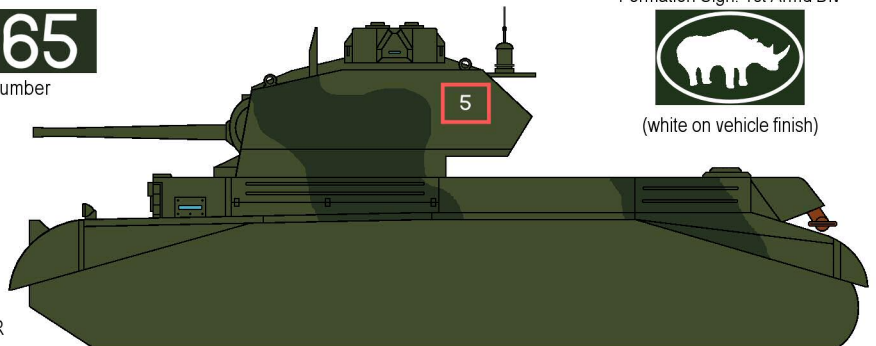
Formation Sign: 1st Armd Div



(white on vehicle finish)



Unit Sign: 2 RTR



Infantry Tank Mk. II (Matilda Mk.I) - unknown squadron, 7th Bn Royal Tank Regiment, 1st (Army) Tank Brigade, 1940

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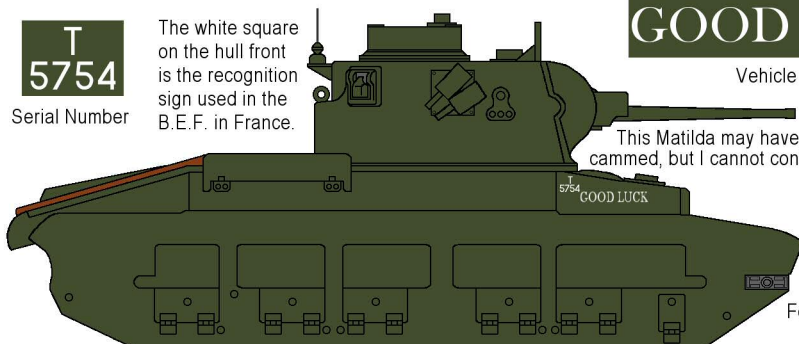
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The white square on the hull front is the recognition sign used in the B.E.F. in France.

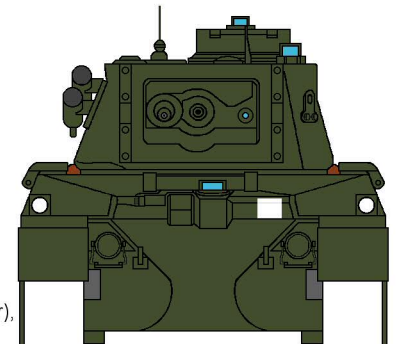
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Vehicle Name

This Matilda may have been cammed, but I cannot confirm it.



Formation Sign (upper),
Unit Sign (lower)
(not seen on this vehicle)

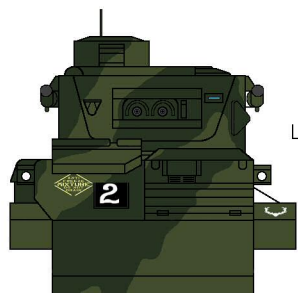


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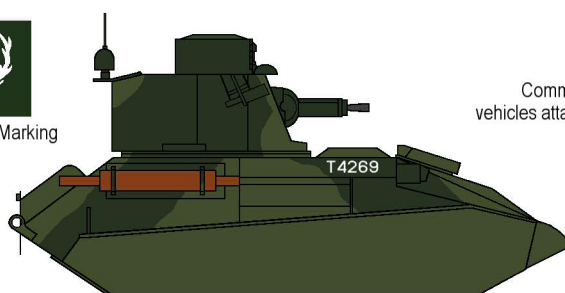
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Light Tank Mk. Vlb - 1st Fife and Forfar Yeomanry, location and date unknown



Left Fender Marking



Unit Sign:



Common to all Recce Bde vehicles attached to Infantry Divisions

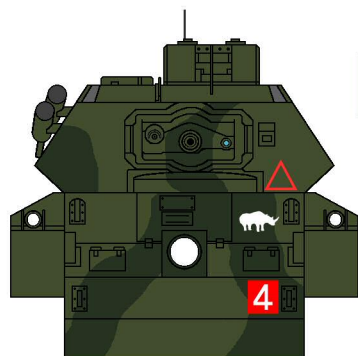


Warning Marking

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Serial Number

Cruiser Mk. IV (A13 Mk. II) - 'A' Squadron, The Queen's Bays (2nd Dragoon Guards), 2nd Armd Bde, 1st Armd Div, Quesnoy, 1940



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Vehicle Serial



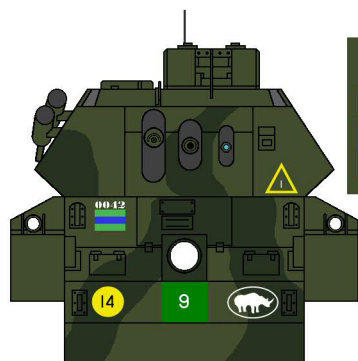
Unit Marking: 2DG



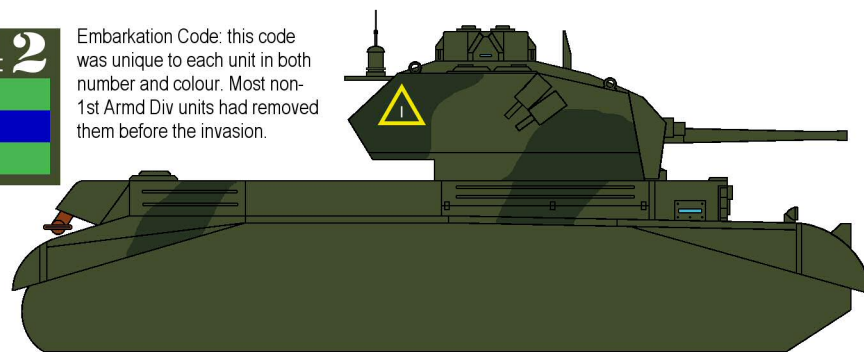
This vehicle has an embarkation code on the hull front but I cannot read the code, so I don't know the colours.

Note: on this vehicle the 1st Armd Div formation sign only shows the rhinoceros and not the normal circular outline. Whether this was a single instance or the regimental norm I do not know.

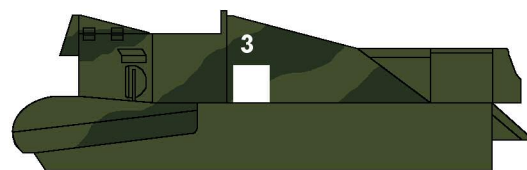
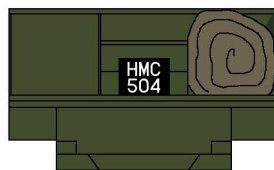
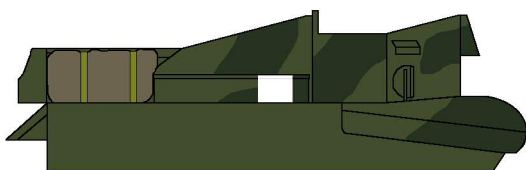
Cruiser Mk. IV (A13 Mk. II) - 'I' Troop, 'A' Squadron, 3rd Bn Royal Tank Regiment, 3rd Armd Bde, 1st Armd Div, location and date unknown



Embarkation Code: this code was unique to each unit in both number and colour. Most non-1st Armd Div units had removed them before the invasion.



Bren Carrier - 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards (a divisional cavalry regiment), 2nd Infantry Division, location and date unknown



Formation Sign: 2 ID (not seen on this carrier)

The national marking was a square between 12 and 15" of white paint applied to all vehicles. It seems to have



National Marking

been not always applied. On tanks it was on the front hull, carriers both sides and soft skins the left front mud guard.



Civilian Licence Plate