

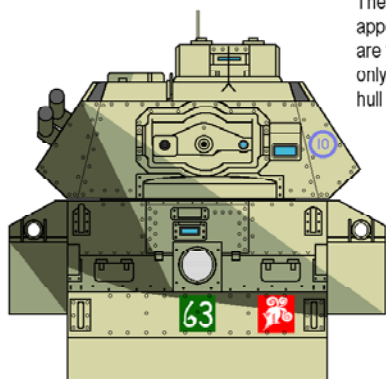
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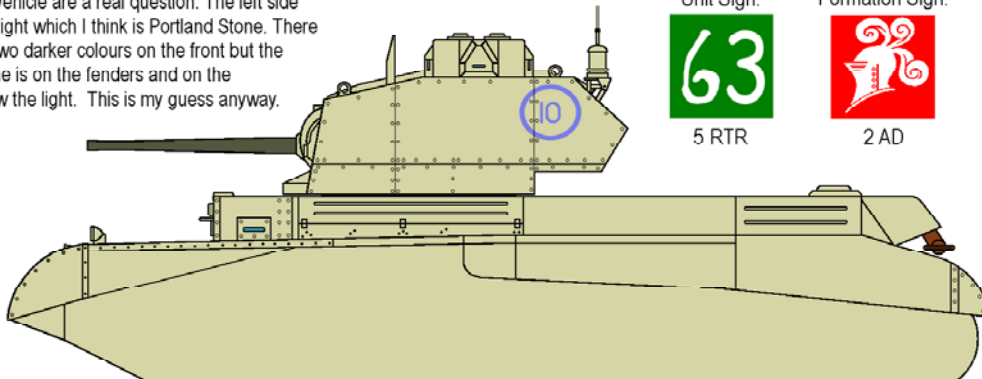
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Cruiser Mk. IVA (A13 Mk. II) - '10' Troop, 'C' Sqn, 5th Bn Royal Tank Regiment, 3rd Armd Bde, 2nd Armd Div, Tobruk, 1941



The colours of this vehicle are a real question. The left side appears to be very light which I think is Portland Stone. There are what might be two darker colours on the front but the only demarkation line is on the fenders and on the hull front plate below the light. This is my guess anyway.



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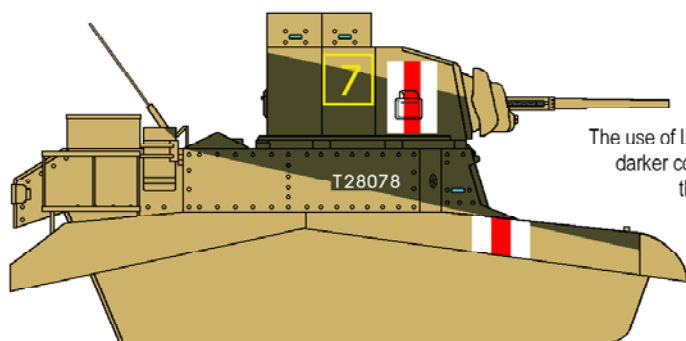
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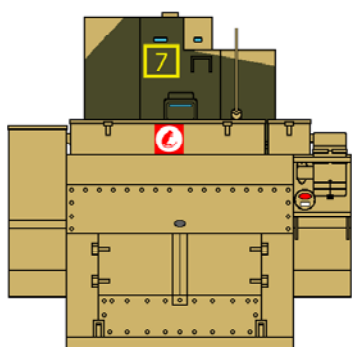
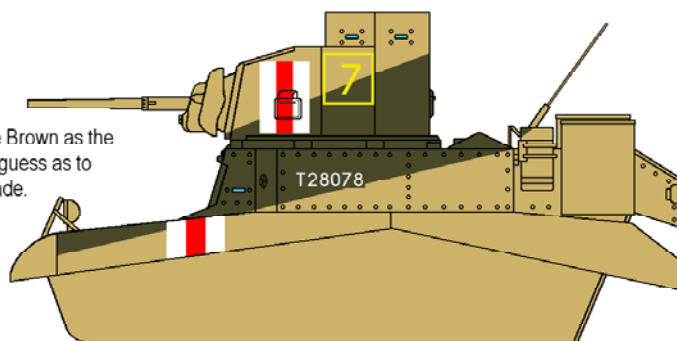


2 AD

Stuart Mk. I - '7' Troop, 'B' Sqn, 3rd Bn Royal Tank Regiment, 4th Armd Bde, 7th Armd Div, Libya, 1941



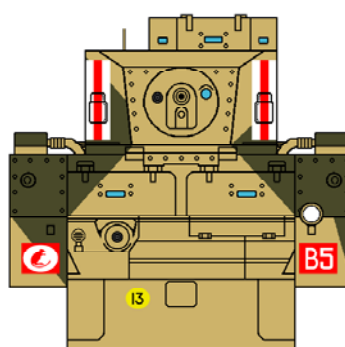
The use of Light Purple Brown as the darker colour is my guess as to the dark shade.



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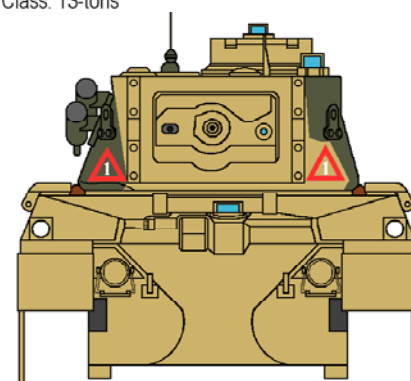


Bridge Class: 13-tons

Very Dark Green PFI

Light Stone SCC 14

Slate SCC 34



My thanks to Peter Brown for sorting out the nature of the unit marking seen here.

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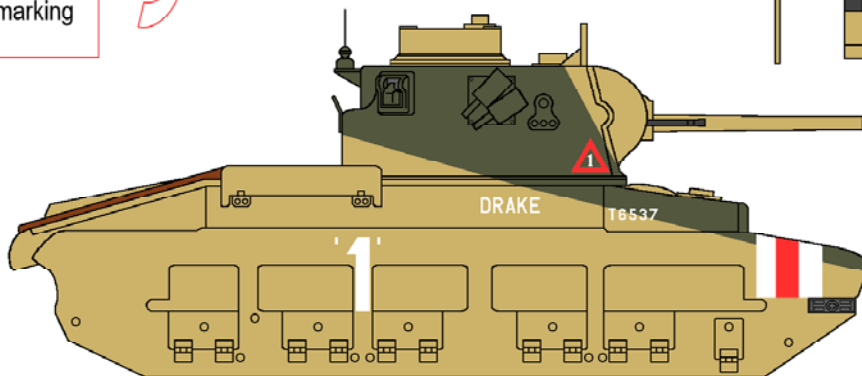
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Unit Sign:



4 RTR

Neither of these signs can be seen on 'Drake', (or on any other Matilda I have seen).



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Vehicle Serial

DRAKE

Vehicle Name

Matilda Mk. III 'Drake' - '1' Troop, 'A' Sqn, 4th Bn Royal Tank Regiment, 4th Armd Bde, 7th Armd Div, Libya, Jun 1941

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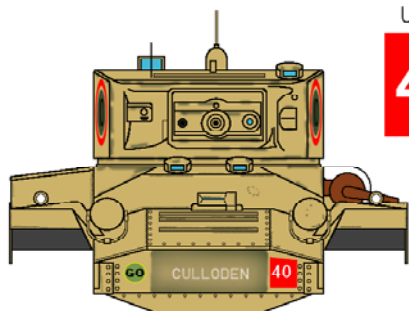
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Valentine Mk. II 'Culloden' - '10' Troop, 'C' Sqn, 40th Bn Royal Tank Regiment, 23rd Armd Bde, 8th Armd Div, July 1942

Light Stone BSC 61

This tank has a sand-blasted look with the stone paint worn away showing the green at all corners and raised areas.



Unit Sign:



CULLODEN

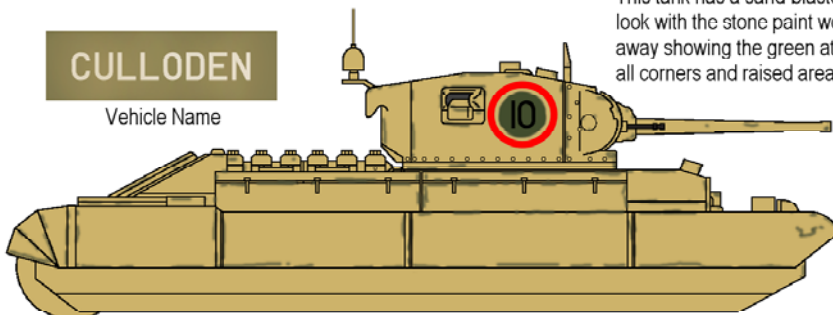
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40RTR

Formation Sign:



8AD



Valentine - 'C' Sqn, 50th Bn Royal Tank Regiment, 23rd Armd Bde, 1942

8th AD had been disbanded & its brigades were under other command.

Unit Sign:



The 8th Division formation sign appears to have been over-painted with stone and the area with white.

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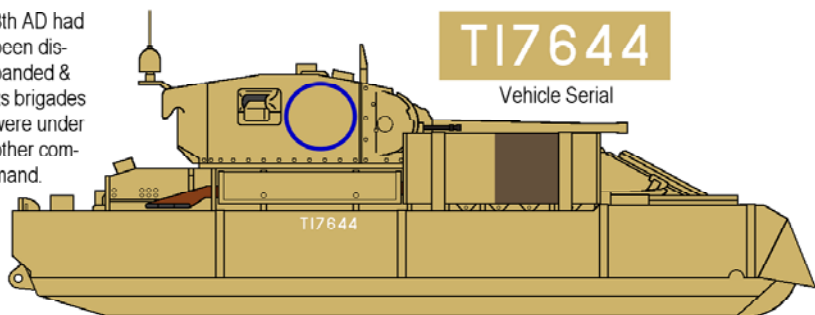
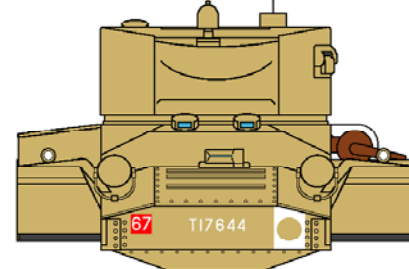
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50RTR

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Daimler S/C Mk.I - RHQ, 5th Bn Royal Tank Regiment, 4th Armd Bde, 7th Armd Div, Libya, 1942

Khaki Brown SCC 2

Unit Sign:



Formation Sign:

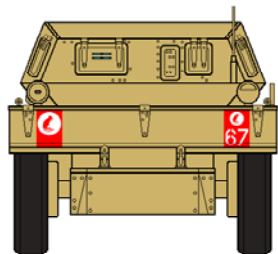
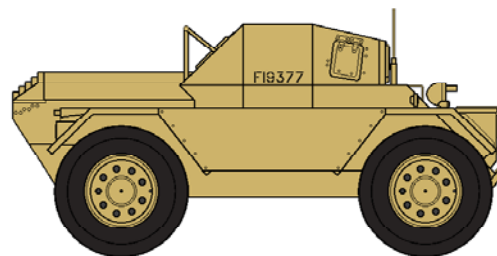


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Vehicle Serial

Once again my profound thanks go out to Peter Brown for his guidance in getting these markings right.



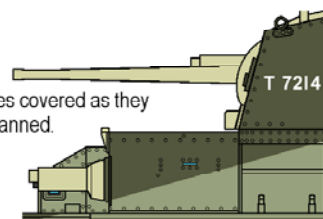
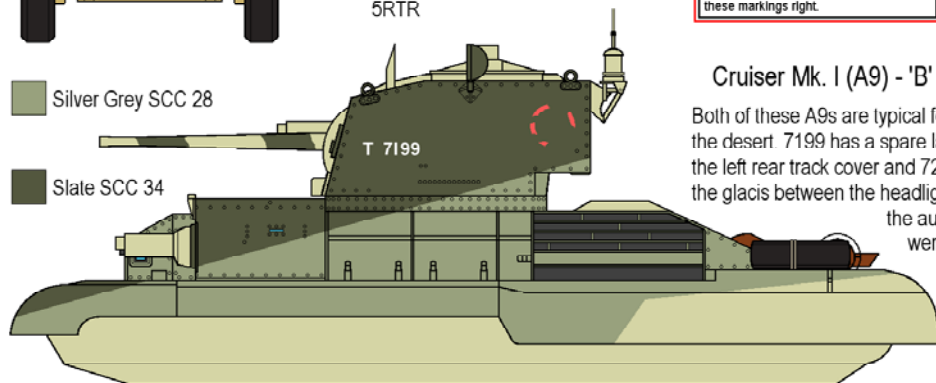
5RTR

Cruiser Mk. I (A9) - 'B' Sqn, 1st Bn Royal Tank Regiment, Tobruk, Sept 1941

Both of these A9s are typical for their type in the desert. 7199 has a spare large wheel on the left rear track cover and 7214 has two on the glacis between the headlights. 7199 has the auxiliary MG muzzles covered as they were probably not manned.

Silver Grey SCC 28

Slate SCC 34



Light Mk.VIb - unknown troop, 'A' Squadron, 6th Battalion The Royal Tank Regiment, 4th Armoured Brigade, 7th Armoured Division, Egypt, 1940

Despite the fact that I have shown all three-tone cam schemes to be stone/silver grey/slate, they may well be browns or greens as variations were common.

Portland Stone SCC 64

Unit Sign:



6RTR

Formation Sign:



7AD

Bridge Class:



6-tons

