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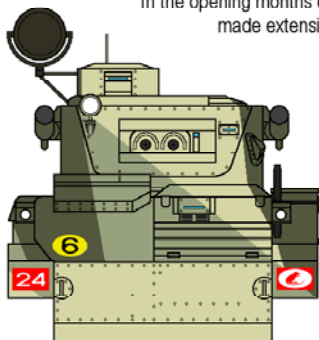
## Part 27: 1st Battalion, The Royal Tank Regiment at War, from Egypt to Berlin, 1939 to 1945

Light Tank Mk.VIb 'Aberdeen' - 'C' Squadron - Egypt - Apr 1940

In the opening months of the war both 1st and 6th RTR made extensive use of searchlights.

It is a searchlight, it wears a weather cover...

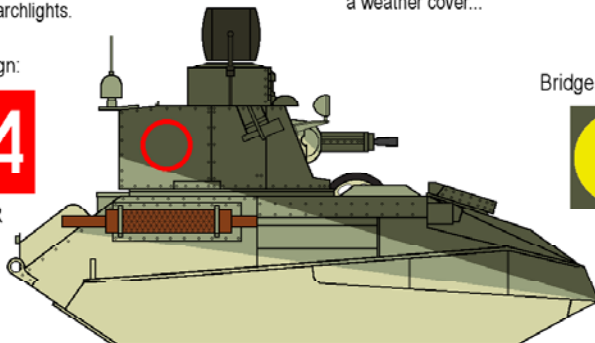
Portland Stone SCC 64  
Silver Grey SCC 28



Unit Sign:

**24**

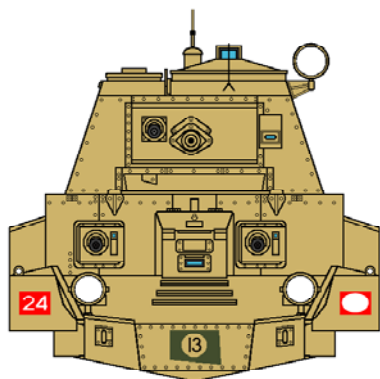
1 RTR



Bridge Classification

**6**

6-tons



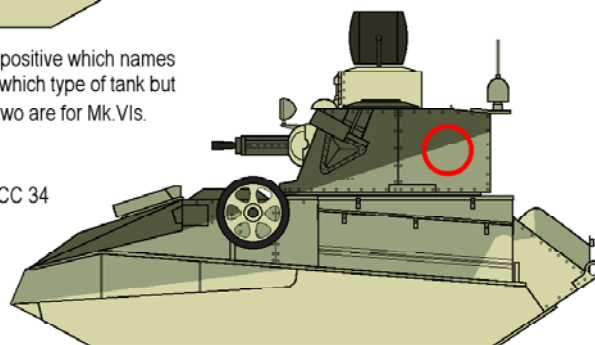
**ABERDEEN**

**ALSACE**

Both Mk.VIs, same squadron

I am not positive which names apply to which type of tank but these two are for Mk.VIs.

Slate SCC 34



Formation Signs:

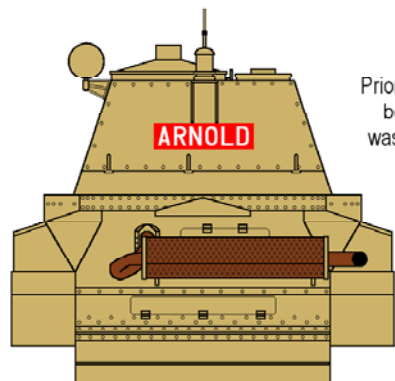


Armd Div (Egypt)

7 AD

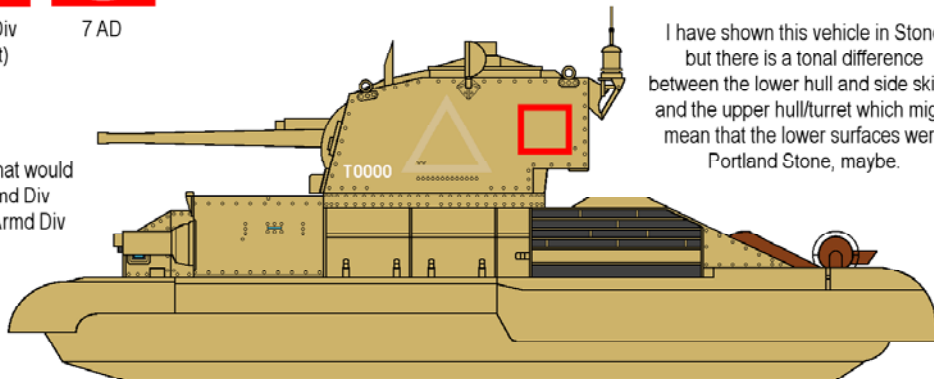
Cruiser Mk.I A9 'Arnold' - 'B' Sqn, 7th Armoured Division - Egypt - 1940

The mid bronze patch surrounding the bridge class marking is a guess on my part, but it is darker as shown.



There was no serial number to be found on 'Arnold'

Prior to Feb 1940 what would be renamed 7 Armd Div was known as the Armd Div (Egypt)



I have shown this vehicle in Stone but there is a tonal difference between the lower hull and side skirts and the upper hull/turret which might mean that the lower surfaces were Portland Stone, maybe.

'Arnold' is shown with a false serial number to indicate where other tanks of this unit carried theirs.

**ANGLESEY**

**ACHILLES**

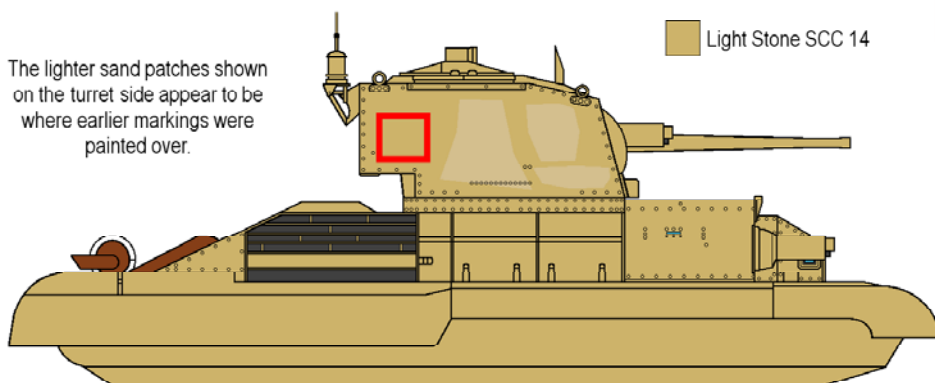
**ADA**

**ANDROMEDA**

These names may be for A9s, or A10s or Mk.VIs

The lighter sand patches shown on the turret side appear to be where earlier markings were painted over.

Light Stone SCC 14



Arnold is shown in desert sand but other vehicles of this unit were cammed in three-tone patterns.

While the early Armd Div markings shown here were out of date at the time indicated, they were still carried after the Feb 1940 change. I have yet to see a tank on the desert with 'complete' rear markings as set down in orders.

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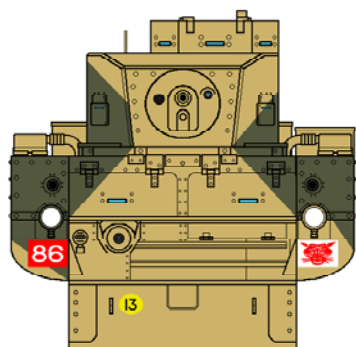
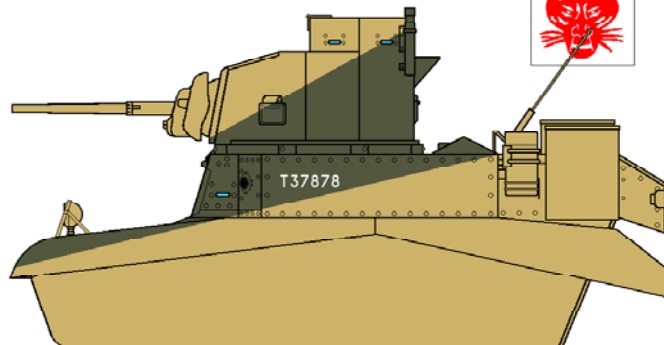
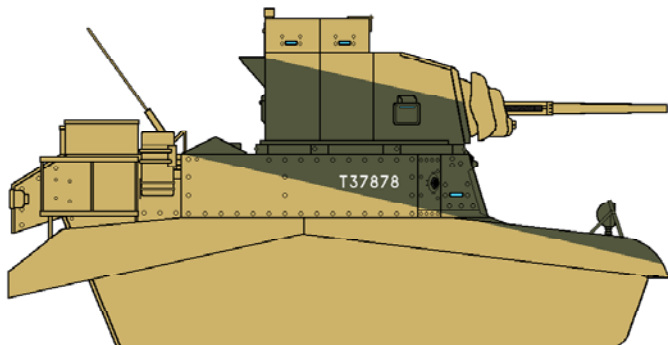
## Part 27: continued

Stuart Mk.I 'T37878' - unknown squadron, 1st Armoured Brigade Group - Libya - May to Jun 1942

Formation Sign:



Unit Sign:



T37357	T37340	T28014	T30219
T37942	T37734	T37842	T37933
T24749	T37953	T24235	T24795
T37878			

I have used Light Stone and Slate as the two colours on this vehicle but they might as well have been Portland Stone or Desert Pink for the lighter colour and Very Dark Green, Black or Very Dark Brown for the darker. Exact pattern was also probably different between vehicles.

Some sources say that 1RTR never left 7 AD while others say they did. The ORBAT book says they did so this Stuart is shown in 'official' markings. I have no photographic evidence to support the theory that 1RTR vehicles ever wore the 1ABG markings (or any other unit for that matter), but as I have confirmed serials it seems correct to speculate a little and let you decide what was what.

Cromwell Mk.IV 'Crippen I' - 22nd Armoured Brigade, 7th Armoured Division - Normandy - Jun 1944

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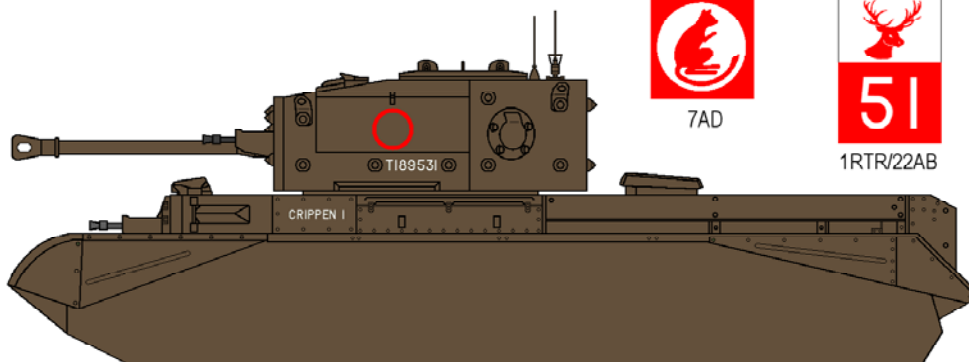
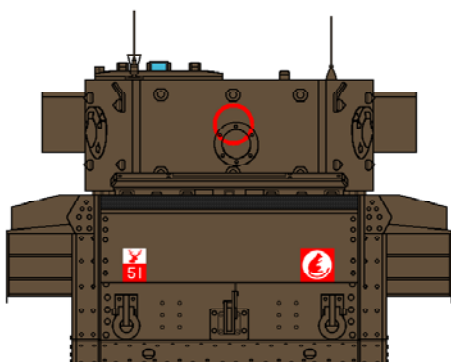


7AD

Unit/Brigade Sign:



1RTR/22AB

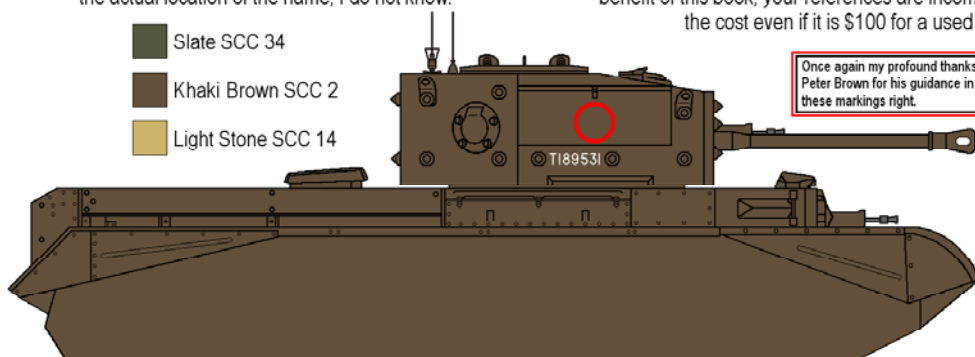


For this vehicle I took the markings from a 'C' Squadron tank and added the serial number and the name 'Crippen I'. The serial is valid for Crippen II as is the position of the serial. For the actual location of the name, I do not know.

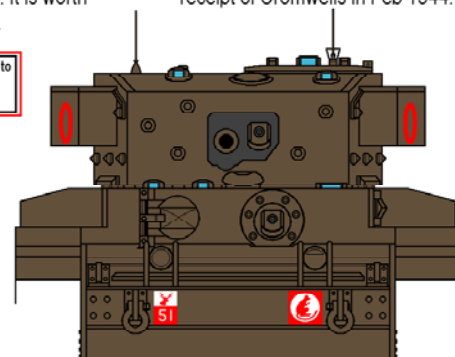
For a more complete list of 1 RTRs vehicle names and serials I recommend B.T. White's brilliant book 'British Tank Markings and Names'. If you are building British WW2 armour without the benefit of this book, your references are incomplete. It is worth the cost even if it is \$100 for a used copy.

Whereas the date of this vehicle is listed as Jun 1944, the names were valid for the unit for their receipt of Cromwells in Feb 1944.

- Slate SCC 34
- Khaki Brown SCC 2
- Light Stone SCC 14



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Cromwell Tank Names:

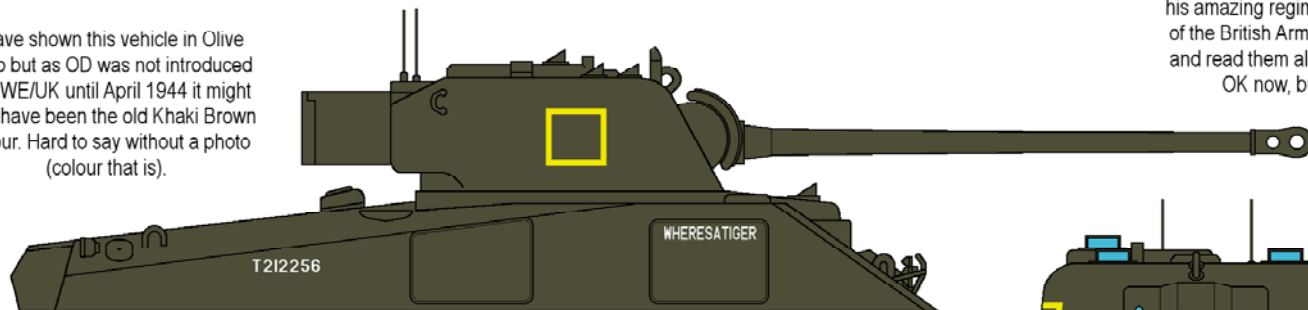
'A' Squadron	'B' Squadron	'B' Squadron	'B' Squadron	'C' Squadron
ACHILLES	FAIR MAID 'O PERTH	MINERVA	VENUS	THE OLD FIRM
APRES VOUS	BETTY BOOP I	OUR WULLIE	MISS BLANDISH II	SLAPHAPPY
	DIANA	ATALANTA	THE SAINT	CRIPPEN I
	LITTLE AUDREY	LILI MARLENE		CUMON THITH WAY

Spellings may not seem correct but things like that happen in war...

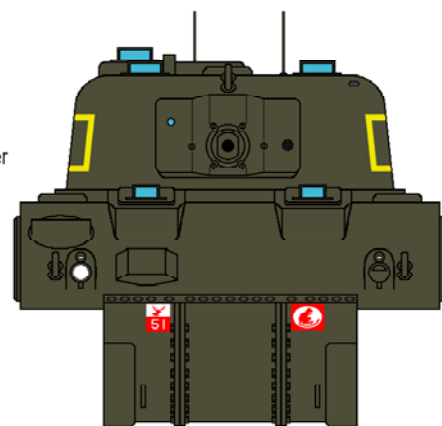
### Sherman Mk.VC 'Wheresatiger' - 'B' Squadron, 7th Armoured Division, North West Europe, 1944 to 1945

I have shown this vehicle in Olive Drab but as OD was not introduced to NWE/UK until April 1944 it might also have been the old Khaki Brown colour. Hard to say without a photo (colour that is).

All of the data and the inspiration to use it can be attributed to the writings of Patrick Delaforce and his amazing regimental histories of the British Army. Get them all and read them all...go now..... OK now, but go....



The name and serial are correct but the locations are a guess based upon other units, other vehicles in this unit and the official standards.



Formation Sign: Unit/Brigade Sign:



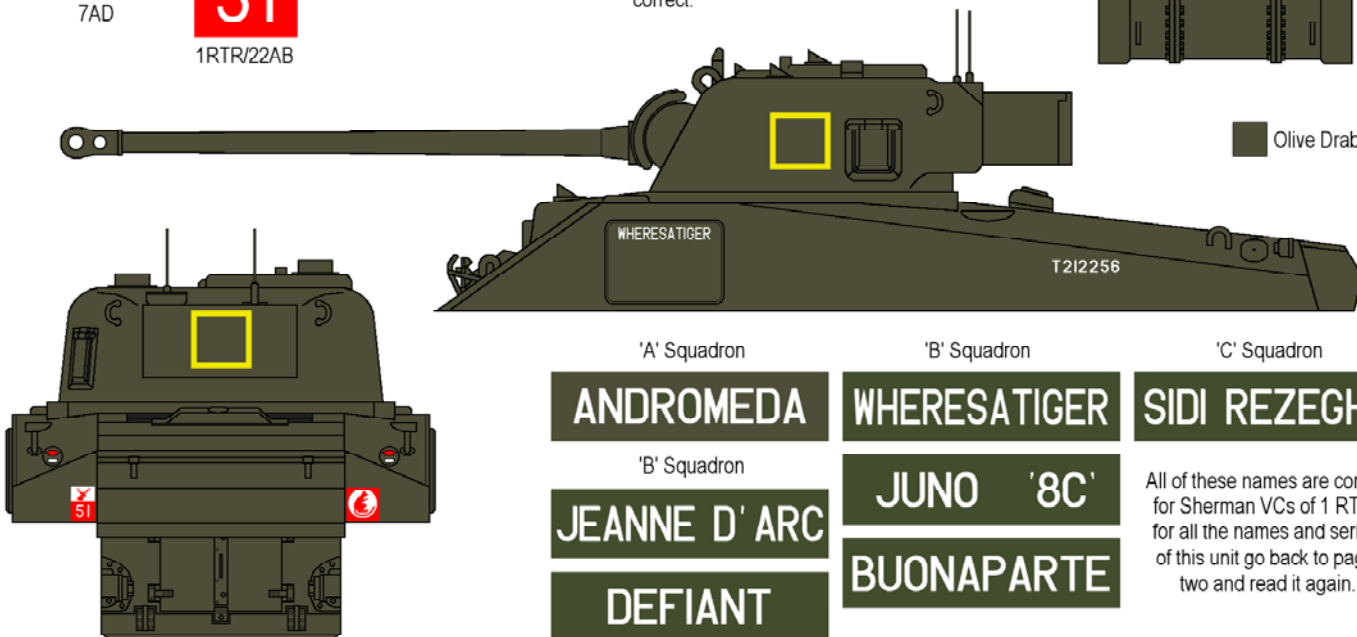
7AD



1RTR/22AB

Unlike the other vehicles in this article, I have no photographic evidence for the markings on this Sherman VC. I have merely used an extension of the Cromwell markings. I hope they are correct.

Olive Drab SCC 15



'A' Squadron	'B' Squadron	'C' Squadron
ANDROMEDA	WHERESATIGER	SIDI REZEGH II
	JUNO '8C'	
'B' Squadron	BUONAPARTE	
JEANNE D'ARC		
DEFIANT		

All of these names are correct for Sherman VCs of 1 RTR, for all the names and serials of this unit go back to page two and read it again.