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The Coventry armoured car was a joint development by Humber and Daimler intended to produce a standardised design that could replace existing vehicles. One pilot model was constructed by each company, with subsequent production amounting to just 220 examples of a planned 2600.

Constructed around an armoured monocoque hull, power came from a Hercules RXLD six-cylinder side-valve engine, driving all four wheels through a five-speed gearbox/transfer box. A separate forward/reverse facility provided all five speeds in either direction, and there were duplicate driving controls at front and rear. Suspension was by coil springs and wishbones in the Daimler style. The turret carried either a 2-pounder, 6-pounder (Coventry Mk 2), or 75mm gun (Coventry AFVW90).

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Despatches *********

make no apologies for the fact that this issue has its focus firmly set on Normandy and the 70th commemorations of operation Overlord. CMV's Scott Smith was on the beaches for the duration and obviously met some incredible people and captured some magnificent images, which is why I've dedicated a full eight pages to his report. You can find out what happened on pages 12-19. Continuing the theme, elsewhere in this issue tank expert David Fletcher talks about the 'funnies' on Sword and there's an extract from Pat Ware's War Archive book which looks at some of the vehicles employed during D-Day. Last issue I mentioned



that a fair amount of classic military activity was planned here in Brittany throughout June and indeed I made the 20 minute trip to Saint Marcel where they had three days of anniversary events, with a parachute drop, battle reconstructions and even a rock band on the Saturday night. It was brilliant and it was great seeing local school kids getting involved and learning about the events of 1944.



lan Cushway

I have to say it's fascinating living in a country where there was conflict. Fascinating and tragic. The other evening there was a ceremony opposite my house commemorating the deaths of two young lads from the village who were shot in 1944, not far from where I live. La Marseillaise rang out from a makeshift speaker and a wreath was laid. Talk about having history on your doorstep.

about having history on your doorstep. On a brighter note, thanks to everyone who's emailed accounts of their trip to Normandy. And please, take heed of my plea for 'Rust in Peace' images. If you happen to see a derelict military vehicle on your travels, perhaps while holidaying even, take a shot and email it to me at cmv.ed@kelsey.co.uk.



As the Kent show enters its 14th year, Military Odyssey continues with re-enactment groups covering 2000 years of history and conflict as well as a whole host of new and exciting attractions for 2014. Said organiser James Aslett: "This year we have more groups than ever booked in and visitors and collectors will also have the opportunity to browse hundreds of trade stalls outside and indoors in the brand new purpose built conference centre."

There will be numerous multi period arena events and, of course, all the usual battlefield re-enactments. Visitors will even be able to see ancient history come alive with arena battles between Saxons and Vikings with lots of sword swinging shield bashing action. Groups representing Napoleonic and Victorian eras will also be there with various explosive and smoky arms displays.

Southern Skirmish will be bringing the American Civil War to the event with a major engagement on the main battlefield and Spearfish Creek will depict life in the Wild West with its spectacular gun fight.

Although the majority of WWI groups will be in France to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the Great War, the 1914-21 Society will be present and Lest we Forget will be providing a MkIV WWI tank.

For this year The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight has confirmed it will be doing a flypast (weather permitting) and there will be plenty of WW2 displays and major battles with tanks, vehicles and aircraft – including a Spitfire! Certainly, there's always plenty of bangs and explosions on the battle field for this major skirmish.

For the second year running military vehicle owners will be invited to join the rolling display around the battlefield which started last year and proved a big hit with the public and vehicle owners alike. "This year we have a larger Vietnam contingent with attacks on their Firebase and a major explosive battle with napalm and blasts from the howitzer to be seen on the battlefield," confirmed James. "Then, bringing us up to date, CAM-0-LOT will have its modern desert bastion with weaponry and vehicles."

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STAR STRUCK!



There's likely to be a few high profile wartime movie launches this year, but we wonder if any can be quite as spectacular as this one for Expendables 3 at the Cannes Film Festival recently. Duncan Nicholson of Tanks for Sale (www.tanksforsale.co.uk) supplied three tanks (and took another along as a spare) for the press launch at the Carlton Hotel, and describes it as the most stressful high profile event he's been to: "The BTR60 with new power train behaved itself, but the oil temperature was rising steadily as we got nearer to the hotel and the crowds started to press in," recalls Duncan. "The biggest worry was the photographers and motorcyclists. Due to the racket I wouldn't have even known if someone had tripped and fallen under the wheels."

The vehicles' role was to deliver the stars





from one end of the promenade to the Carlton Hotel along the seafront. The convoy set off at walking pace, but as they got near to the destination the paparazzi, fans and suicidal motorcycle photographers closed in, with bystanders diving in between the vehicles which were only 5m apart. Said a still trembling Duncan: "We had to do an interesting U-turn through a seething wall of humanity at one point and couldn't hear the engines such was the noise of the crowd. To be honest, I was glad when it was all over."



Thankfully, much to Duncan's relief, none of the big stars, who included Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mel Gibson or Harrison Ford, came to any harm during the event and seemed to genuinely enjoy the ride. "I was worried that it would go horribly wrong at one point and I don't think I would have stood a chance with the Hollywood lawyers if it had!" Duncan pays tribute to Craig Keeble from Alan Hindle Transport (01204 550330) for the logistics of getting him and his tanks to where they needed to be.





Following the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, the International Six Days Trial (ISDT) was seen by Hitler as another opportunity for Nazi dominance and the 1939 ISDT was unexpectedly held in Austria, riding through the mountains



surrounding Salzburg. Half way through the event, with the British teams once again doing very well, they received a telegram from the British Embassy telling them to get out immediately. WW2 started just a week later.

A new book telling the story of the British riders' escape via Switzerland called *The Six Day Affair* by John Bradshaw is being launched at the The National Motorcycle Museum on Saturday 2nd August.

Costing £12 the book will be available to purchase from the museum shop or online via www.thenmmshop.co.uk following the event.

To coincide with the launch the museum is inviting owners of WD/military or ISDT/trials machines to ride in or bring them along to display in front of the museum entrance on the day. Riders displaying machines will receive half price entry to the museum collection.

Said a museum spokesperson: "In keeping with both the anniversary of the start of WW1 as well as the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings we will be delighted to see as many WD machines as possible to help commemorate the brave servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for

their country." The National Motorcycle Museum Supports the Pilgrim Bandits charity which helps exservice personal. The museum will be making a donation to the organisation for each WD/military machine that is displayed on the day.



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THE NORMANDY EXPERIENCE Here's an account from two CMV readers of how they got on in Normandy...

"Hi lan, my name is Mike Brennan and I am a member of the Red Ball Express group. For the 70th anniversary of D-Day I drove my Dodge WC 52 from my home in northern Italy to Normandy – a total of 1072 miles. After the celebrations finished I then continued on to the UK. I will be attending W&P. I attach two pictures, one of my Dodge at Dog Green Camp and another travelling from Italy to France via the Frejus Tunnel."



"My brother Rod and I took our Sherman BARV, the only running one in the world, back to the beaches after 70 years. We teamed up with Andrew Bettney



JEEPAS CREEPAS!

Right: Goodness knows what's happening here on Omaha beach! Nigel Hay from Milweb sent in this picture and we suspect the Jeep owner (presumably the one holding his head in shock!) went off in search of a suitable jack and something substantial to sit it on before attempting to elevate the front end of Matylda back on to level ground!



and his Caterpillar D8 that was also on the beaches 70 years ago. I suspect the two of them were among the very few genuine Normandy survivors on the beach this year. If you look on YouTube, I believe there is footage of it in the sea, we took it in to about 7ft of water at its deepest. Saumur Tank Museum also sent a Sherman, Valentine and a Panzer II. Both the Valentine and Panzer II were restored ourselves some years ago for the museum. I believe the Panzer II came out of the Trun scrap yard and the Valentine was a hull we acquired and then completely rebuilt." Rex Cadman



WRITE TO REPLY! RAF AMBULANCE

I have a Morris 10 series M under restoration and noticed John Miller's RAF ambulance article (pages 32-33) in the February 2014 issue of CMV. I would like to know where Mr Miller obtained the RAF colour paint from please. I prefer his paint colour over standard BS 633 RAP blue/grey which, to my mind, is too dark. I think Mr Miller's ambulance is a satin or gloss finish. Incidentally, I have been in contact with an elderly chap in Oz (thru the Tilly Register) who said civilian cars were converted simply by taking the rear seats out to accommodate a stretcher Civilians would have a special fuel allowance for back-up ambulance services in Australia. Yours sincerely, Dudley Davies



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Watch out for these exciting features in next month's action packed, all-colour issue on sale 15 August. Don't miss it!

DELAHAYE VLR-D

Like the contemporary Austin Champ, the French Army's Delahaye VLR-D was a brave attempt at producing a Jeep-like vehicle that incorporated technical innovation. Unfortunately, features such as dry-sump lubrication, lockable differentials and independent torsion-bar suspension meant that it proved to be rather too complex for its own good!

BRITISH MILITARY VEHICLES - SCAMMELL PIONEER R100

Scammell's Pioneer could rightly be accused of being obsolete almost before it entered service... but that same air of doggedness and plodding reliability that seemed to appeal to its crews back in the day also make it a firm favourite with today's enthusiasts. Pat Ware has the story.



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And don't miss our regular features, including the best news review pages in the hobby, David Ahl's stories from the other side of the 'pond', the very best in military vehicle photography... and, as regular readers will be only too well aware, far more than we can list here! These are just some of the features planned for the next issue, but circumstances outside our control may force last-minute changes. If this happens we will substitute items of equal or greater interest.



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Normandy celebrations D-DAY 70 YEARS ON - The Last Big One?

In what would probably go down as the most memorable D-Day Commemorations ever, CMV's Scott Smith was in Normandy to capture all the action...

ver since the Normandy Veterans Association (NVA) announced in the build up to D-Day70 that the 70th commemorations of operation Overlord would be its last as an organisation, the question had been – would this, in fact, be the last big remembrance?

Well, if the classic military vehicle world has anything to do with it, then you would have to say most definitely no. Undoubtedly countless British, French, Dutch and Belgian military vehicle enthusiasts will continue to make their pilgrimage to the Normandy battlefields for years to come. However, if the 70th commemorations were to be the final significant gathering of veterans and vehicles, then things certainly went out with a bang.

MEETING EN MASSE

Just like 70 years ago, the end of May and the start of June saw a large contingent of military vehicles gathering in ports along the south coast of England in order to start their own mini invasion of the Normandy coastline, while vehicle owners from all over the world had also already started making their way to

Below: It's not every day that you come across five pieces of WW2 armour on the beachfront! These French owned vehicles certainly drew a good crowd for a get together on Omaha beach, which as far as I know wasn't advertised anywhere.



Left: There was also a more modern feel to proceedings on the 6th June with the presence of these British Army Viking's (BvS10) and also two RCLs (Ramped Craft Logisitc). Right: There were just over 3000 M4A3E8s produced for the Allies from August 1944 onwards, being armed with the 76mm gun. This example was seen at Omaha Beach on the 4th June and although it carries the name 'Fury' it is not believed to be the example which has recently been used for filming ahead of the new Brad Pitt movie with the same name, due out later in 2014.





Left: This was a common sight across the south coast of England in the build up to the D-Day commemorations, as vehicle owners prepared to make the crossing to France once again. Pictured are four GMC CCKW 353s and a Dodge WC63 Weapons Carrier ready for the off. Below: This T-16 Ford built Universal Carrier was seen outside the Musee D-Day Omaha in Vierville-sur-Mer.

the Normandy area. Unlike 1944 though, these machines weren't going to war they were simply preparing to join thousands of others making the pilgrimage to remember what happened seven decades ago.

Also among those travelling from the UK were many of the remaining veterans of the NVA, some of whom would be making their final trip to the beaches with most now in their late 80s or 90s. Meanwhile, many others outside of ratified organisations were making the journey in order to remember those who fought and also made the ultimate sacrifice during the whole of the Normandy campaign, while paying appreciation to those that were still around for quite possibly the last big one.

PASSING WORRY

Rewinding a few weeks though and just when it looked as if everything would be okay for the off,



a bombshell was dropped. In April 2014 a trickle of news was received via the Ministry of Defence (MoD) from French officials that everyone attending D-Day70 would require a pass if they were to be inside an exclusion zone during the period of remembrance. Forms were duly filled in but such was the clamour for 'passes' many people were still not exactly clear what would



Right: The GMC CCKW 353 was named the deuce and a half and really was the workhorse of WW2. This well stocked example is a type which would have been manufactured between 1941 and 1943 as it carries the pre-war civilian type cab, with those after 1943 being manufactured with an open cab in order to save steel and reduce the height of the vehicle.





Above: The Autocar U-7144-T Tractor, 4-ton, 4x4, such as this one pictured, was very similar to the Federal 94x43 tractor units, with them both serving their purpose during WW2 with great vigour. This fine example, despite the British Mickey Mouse colour scheme, is seen with a load which it would have been expected to haul during WW2.

Above: This shot highlights the small differences in early GMC CCKW 353s and later models with the one on the right-hand-side carrying a solid civilian style cab, whilst the vehicle on the left has an open soft-tab variant which was carried by vehicles from 1943 onwards. Right: Nicknamed the Dragon Wagon this M26 Tank Transporter belonged to one of the members of the French MV owners Club L'UNIVEM and could be seen at the Dog Green camp in Vierville-sur-Mer. The M26 was an armoured tractor from the Pacific Car & Foundry Co and was designed as not only a tank transporter but also a tractor unit which could be used for light recovery work on the battlefield if required. Below: The Diamond T tank transporter was a workhorse of WW2 and continued to be used into post war. Many ended up being used by haulage companies all over Europe following the end of their time in the armed forces. This tidy T 980 example had made its way to Normandy all the way from Holland; I for one wouldn't have liked to have been paying the fuel costs! Below middle: With its open style cab this is either a Federal 94x43A tractor unit which featured a hard top cab. It had a variety of roles during WW2 hauling many different types of loads as well as being used as a tractor for the Signal Corps. This lovingly restored example was seen at Saint Mere Eglise.





happen with just two months leading up to the events. Thankfully, due to hardworking MoD officers, nearly every veteran who applied got their passes in time. Meanwhile, hoteliers and campsite owners in Normandy offered to help out the thousands of international visitors by picking up the vehicle pass required to travel on the 6th June 2014 between the hours of



6am and 6pm, something which had been implemented in the weeks leading up to the event.

MILITARY PRESENCE

Despite this early hiccup, we couldn't fault the organisation that went into the event during what must have been one of the busiest periods



ever in peacetime Normandy. The majority of the Gendarmerie, brought in from across France, were hospitable and helpful, with 500 on duty in Arromanches alone on 6th June! Additional provision had also been made for the extra throngs of people who would be visiting memorials and events around the Normandy area throughout the week, with countless extra

Above right: The Chevrolet 1½ ton 4x4 Bomb Service Truck was part of the G506 series of 1½ ton trucks built by Chevrolet during WW2. This machine was referred to as the M6 Bomb Service Truck, normally used on airfields and ammunition dumps. The truck would tow the M5 bomb trailer, one of which can be seen here, in strings up to five at a time. Behind the soft-top driver's cab was a working area with troop seats. A monorail crane extended the full length plus an overhand. A hoist was provided to lift and move the ordnance. This tidy example was pictured at Germino Camp in Saint Mere Eglise. Below: Although the vehicle on the right is a post-war Hotchkiss M201 masquerading as a WW2 Jeep, to members of the public it certainly set the scene. They were part of a good set-up by French MV owners Club L'UNIVEM in the village of Vierville-sur-Mer which is where American troops landed on the now infamous Omaha Beach on the 6th June 1944.





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Left: Many thousands of people probably walked right past this GMC AFKWX 353 which was situated at the Dog Green Camp at Vierville-sur-Mer without even realising how rare a machine it was. Although production started in 1942, with it being manufactured alongside the more popular CCKW, there were only ever 7235 machines built, with this example being one of a handful to survive into

preservation. Left: The great thing during the D-Day commemorations is that you will quite literally stumble across vehicles while driving around. This Dodge D-19 Luxury Liner military staff car was a spotted at a one off Dodge vehicle owners meet at the Pointe-du-Hoc memorial site.

fields opened up to hold the hundreds of cars, motorbikes and campervans, along with military vehicles, that descended upon the area.

Talking of military vehicles, there were, as to be expected, thousands of them buzzing all around the Normandy countryside. You could guarantee that in the days leading up to the

6th June every time you turned a corner it wouldn't be long

before you would be greeted by a green machine coming in the opposite direction. Admittedly most of them were American, even in the British sector, there seemingly being more Jeeps (some

post-war Hotchkiss in disguise) in the Normandy area than during the actual invasion itself! However, if you knew where to look there were also some brilliant British and Commonwealth



Above: It was nice to see this Canadian built 1941 Ford V8 representing the British and Commonwealth vehicles. This example carries a radio body and had made its way across to Normandy from Guernsey for the commemorations. Right: On the 5th, in front of members of the Royal Family, some 300 parachutists filled the skies of Ranville where the British Airborne forces landed during the Normandy landings some 70 years earlier. Jumpers from Britain, America, Canada and France took part in the event which drew in thousands of spectators.





Above: A little like a scene out of a Red Ball Express wartime photo, these GMC CCKW 353s spotted on a campsite at Asnelles are ready for the journey home following the end of the main commemorations. Far left: The parade at Port-en-Bessin hosted a number of different military vehicles; here they make their way down to the dockside.



Left: This Humber & Cevt PU 4x4 takes the name of its owner Bernard Venners. Sadly due to ill health he was unable to bring his 1942 machine to Normandy himself; however his wife Marion and the rest of their family kept up the promise and enjoyed a week-long tour at the start of June. The couple from Reading have owned the Humber since the 1980s and it recently underwent a spruce up ready for the commemorations.

vehicles on offer, including Vaughan Roberts's excellent 1943 Humber Armoured Car which he finished tinkering with just hours before departure on the 3rd June. This was just one military vehicle which stood out amongst the masses in the vicinity during this period and I'm sure many vehicle owners had similar stories to that of Vaughan's, however there isn't enough space to mention them all here.

The great thing about the celebrations is the number of small military camps, both organised and spontaneous, which pop up during the week. Although I went with a list of places I'd planned to visit I often found myself stopping in villages along the way to snap a group of military vehicles parked in a square or by the roadside. It sure added to the atmosphere leading up to the big day itself.

AIRBORN ATTRACTIONS

Of course, the celebrations weren't limited to the ground, with thousands of people, along with veterans, turning out for parachute drops on the 4th and 5th June in Carentan and Ranville respectively. Sadly the former had to be cancelled due to high winds but the sight of eight C-47s flying over Normandy was something to behold. In fact, for most of the week the sky was full of aircraft of all vintages, with the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight doing its fair share of flypasts and displays both in the build-up and on the 6th June itself.

CHANGING HISTORY

Despite being an outstanding and thoroughly memorable spectacle, I am sorry to report that in my opinion the Normandy commemorations have steadily become more of a show with less and less substance. It was a little disappointing to see a French re-enactment group taking over places such as the Hillman Bunker site, famously taken by the Suffolk Regiment who

Left: The Musee des Blindes, a tank museum located in the Loire Valley of France, in the town of Saumur, brought along a handful of tracked machines to the beach front in Arromanches. This Valentine Mark III although carrying desert markings obviously has some relevance to the Normandy campaign with the famous Duplex Drive swimming tanks being based around Valentines.





Above: One of the smallest military vehicles on show but also one of the most interesting was this 1935 Morris C8 radio car. This is the only example known to exist, with many being lost during the retreat from Dunkirk in 1940. The strange set-up in the car sees there being no passenger seat with just one back seat for the operator of the radio set which can also be found behind the driver. Right: A nice selection of American built half tracks seen

at Camp Arizona near Carentan. Below: This 1944 GMC CCKW Bolster Truck had made the trip to Normandy all the way from Leek in Staffordshire. Although the vehicle owner also has the Pontoon trailer to match it was decided that it would be best to leave it at home for this journey. Still the vehicle is certainly something different with this example being restored around six years ago now with the paintwork being taken all the way back to the bare metal.





Left: Sadly we didn't get the chance to see Brian Gibson's 1942 AEC Matador Gun Tractor on the road but it was still great to see it in attendance. In fact Brian is led to believe that the machine served during the Normandy campaign with the 21st Army Group. Brian has owned this vehicle since 1992 and also brought it along to the 50th Commemorations in 1994.

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landed on Sword Beach on D-Day, and filling it with American WW2 vehicles, which somewhat distorts history.

Meanwhile on the 6th June in Arromanches, which has traditionally been the veterans' home in France, as well as being where the Military Vehicle Trust has always placed its vehicles on the beaches in-front of the main square, the latter was somewhat squeezed by numerous other groups of all nationalities flocking to the sandy beach where Mulberry B once stood. Perhaps this is me being a patriotic Brit, however if we aren't careful then we are edging towards a real change in the historic perspective of what happened in Normandy, with Hollywood seemingly dictating the way in which this period of time is remembered.





Left: Despite their large size there were a number of DUKW's which could be spotted all around Normandy during the Commemorations. Far left: Rex Cadman's Sherman BARV is seen here enjoying itself on the Arromanches sea front. Below: DUKW's played a vital role in ferrying casualties back to waiting vessels during D-Day and also taking supplies ashore in the days following the invasion whilst the Mulberry Harbours were being constructed. The 6th June saw various DUKWs, both from the UK and further afield, returning to the waters off Arromanches as they showed off their swimming capabilities.





Above: A Dakota makes a pass over Arromanches on the 6th June. Above right: The jump on the 5th June

Above right: The jump on the 5th June at Ranville also saw two drops from Dakotas. Right: Vaughan Roberts's Humber Armoured Car and Ben Kaye's Scammell Pioneers draw the crowds during the Bayeux vehicle parade.



Above: The British and Commonwealth vehicle parade through Bayeux on the 8th June saw a number of different military vehicles taking to the roads. This was in complete change to five years ago when only one British or Commonwealth vehicle was able to take part in a French military vehicle group run parade. Right: This lovely Chevrolet CMP had made its way to Normandy all the way from Holland.

AFTER THE EVENT

That said, the British and Commonwealth vehicle owners would hit back in the British Sector of Normandy during the two days following the 6th with impressive parades through both Port-en-Bessin and Bayeux, both of which were taken by British forces on the 7th June 1944. The latter was of great relief as just five years ago the French MVCG had seen fit to include just one British and Commonwealth vehicle in its procession. Thankfully things were different this time around with the town of Bayeux coming out to cheer scores of British and Commonwealth vehicles through the main high street on the morning of the 8th June before moving off inland to Tilly-sur-Seulles.

This day would almost conclude the commemorations for D-Day70 with events and military vehicle gatherings somewhat dying down as everyone made their way home and back to everyday life, following what had been a very memorable week. Enormous praise should be given to those who bring their machines from all over Europe and even the world for these commemorations, as we look to remember what happened on that fateful day of 6th June 1944. While most importantly it was great to see the veterans, quite possibly for the last time, once again being centre of Right: With there only being around 50 different types of Bedford QL left in existence it was great to see a line-up of them following the parade in Port-en-Bessin. Despite there being well over 50,000 different examples produced they don't seem to have survived in great numbers with many being thrown into different roles once demobbed.





attention for their actions some 70 years ago.

So looking back at the original statement, will it be the last big one? Well yes most definitely for the veterans, as although they will continue to return year-on-year the commemorations will not be on the same scale as they were in 2014. Thankfully their memory will live forevermore through people like those who continue to take their old soldiers, ie their military vehicles, back to the beaches of Normandy each year for hopefully the considerable future. We've no doubt that countless others will also continue to pay their respects and remember how the course of history was changed on that one day in June 1944.

Below: The view of Arromanches beach on the 6th June 2014.





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Far left: One of the last vehicles we saw still buzzing around the Normandy area when quite a few had gone home was Barry Ring's 1943 Ford GTB Cargo 'Burma Jeep' which was featured in CMV back in 2012. Left: There were some real heavyweight tracked vehicles in attendance, albeit all seemingly in the American sector of the Commemorations. One such machine was this 1942 M3 Lee which was armed with a 75mm cannon and also a 37mm cannon. This machine was to be found in Sainte-Marie-du-Mont.

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Above: Ready for home! This quite rare Marmon Herrington H-542-11 also known as a M426 is certainly loaded up ready for the journey home back to Belgium, seen late on Sunday 8th June when most in the area decided that it was time to return back home. Left: Looking the part in-front of their 1940s Austin K2, this re-enactment group portrayed members of the British Army who were attached to the Dorset Regiment which landed on D-Day. Below: The Musee des Blindes also supplied an M4 Sherman with cast hull which gave a great demonstration of its manoeuvrability on the beach during the afternoon of the 6th June, much to the joy of the many thousands of people who were in attendance.

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A Land Rover is a Land Rover is a Land Rover, right? Well not necessarily. Pat Ware looks at the 1-tonne forward control, Land Rover's first purpose-designed military vehicle

Rover showed the new 'forward control 101' to the public at the Commercial Motor Show at Earls Court in September 1972. At this stage, the Ministry of Defence was still keen on the powered trailer concept. (Rover)

You could be forgiven for thinking that, beyond the obvious military connection, the M561 Gama Goat, Steyr-Puch Pinzgauer, and Volvo Laplander have little in common. But, amongst others, all three were considered for the role eventually allocated to the Land Rover 1-tonne forward control... Land Rover's first 100% purpose-designed military vehicle production until the Wolf appeared in the early nineties.

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Work on this project had started back in the sixties when the Ministry of Defence (MoD) identified what it described as a 'serious gap in the future vehicle range between the Land Rover, with a capacity of 0.5 to 0.75 ton, and the 4-ton Bedford MK/ MJ trucks.' Most pressing was a specific and immediate need for a heli-portable artillery tractor and ammunition limber for the new L118 105mm light gun, which was too heavy to be towed by existing Land Rovers. It was also believed that a vehicle that could satisfy this particular role would also be suitable for a range of other needs for which 'existing smaller vehicles were inadequate [but for which] larger ones were either too expensive or tactically unacceptable.'

PREPARING PROTOTYPES

In 1967 the Fighting Vehicle Research & Development Establishment (FVRDE) asked Rover to construct five forward-control (FC) prototypes rated for a 1-tonne carrying capacity. Although Rover had been building a 1.5-tonne civilian forward-control truck since 1962, in its original Series IIA form the design was woefully underpowered and, even as the Series IIB which was fitted with a 2625cc six-cylinder engine and which was trialled by FVRDE in 1966, it was still not considered to offer sufficient carrying capacity for the military 1-tonne class.

It was obvious that a purpose-designed military vehicle would be required, and a General Statement of Requirements (GSR 3463) was issued in June 1968.

Describing what was initially intended as a 1-tonne gun tractor, the document stated that the vehicle should also be capable of towing a load of up to 3300 lb (1,500kg) in a powered-axle trailer, with the axle coupled to the tractor via a power take-off at the rear. Other possible roles included command post, Rapier and MILAN missile launcher,





Above: This early prototype communications vehicle, which forms part of the Dunsfold Collection, nicely illustrates the short boxy front extension, presumably required to accommodate the radiator for the six-cylinder Rover engine. (Warehouse Collection)

Above: One of the five early prototypes was used as a trials vehicle for the BAC Beeswing battery missile system, deploying four Swingfire wireguided anti-tank missiles in a rotating mount. (British Aircraft Corporation) Right: Illustration taken form GSR 3463, dating from June 1968. The general appearance of the vehicle matches that of the early prototypes but note the front-mounted winch; when a winch was fitted to production vehicles it was mounted under the chassis. (Warehouse Collection)

missile test/repair vehicle, signals office, radio repair vehicle, computer exchange unit, dry-air generator, power-supply vehicle, battery-charging truck, line layer, load carrier, and battlefield ambulance. It was also suggested that the truck might be used as a mount for the EMI Cymbeline mortarlocating radar system, and as a REME (Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers) welding shop, although these roles were eventually withdrawn.

The first of five prototypes for what was now being described as 'truck, 1-tonne, 4x4, cargo', appeared in 1969. It would have been immediately recognised by anyone used to the squared-off, utilitarian appearance of the production 1-tonne that eventually followed, although there was a short 'boxy'

and, when towing a gun or loaded trailer. the vehicle was felt to be underpowered. On the plus side, these prototypes did help to nail down the finer details of the brief, and one at least was used as a trials vehicle for the BAC Beeswing anti-tank battery missile system.

FVRDE issued a new specification to Rover and, with an admirably open-mind, also asked some 16 different motor companies to tender. Vehicles considered for the role. included the American M561 Condec 6x6 'Gama Goat', the Volvo-Ailsa 4140 series Laplander, and the Steyr-Puch 4x4 Pinzgauer 710. Vehicles produced by Austin, Chrysler, International, Kaiser-Jeep, and Toyota were

that was intended for the Range Rover. The Range Rover also donated its transmission, including the gearbox and integral permanent four-wheel drive transfer case, with its inter-axle lockable differential. The truck rode on 16in one-piece wheels mounted on heavy-duty Salisbury axles, incorporating strengthened half-shafts. Suspension was entirely conventional, with the axles hung from semi-elliptical tapered multi-leaf springs, with an anti-roll bar at the front, and doubleacting telescopic hydraulic shock absorbers

projection to the front panel, presumably to accommodate the radiator

"Under a design team led by Norman Busby, Rover went back to the drawing board."

all round. Wheels were shod with 9.00-16 bar-grip tvres.

and the driving controls. Power came from a 2995cc straight-six petrol engine that had been 'borrowed' from the Rover P5 saloon car, with the engine coupled to a four-speed gearbox and two-speed transfer case, giving part-time four-wheel drive. The vehicle rode on the heavy-duty ENV axles and differentials of the Series IIB civilian forward-control chassis. As requested, a power take-off on the transmission allowed the truck to be coupled to the powered trailer, effectively creating an articulated 6x6 configuration.

FINE TUNING

Although the engine was of a larger capacity than that which had been fitted to the Series IIB civilian trucks, it was still not sufficient

also considered, albeit briefly, but, in the end only Rover and Volvo were really in the running.

Under a design team led by Norman Busby, Rover went back to the drawing board and reworked their original prototype with the intention of improving load-carrying capacity and providing more power, and the resulting vehicle borrowed little from existing models. The body was similar to that which had been used on the earlier prototypes, using demountable body panels, in the style of the 0.5-tonne 'lightweight', that allowed the gross vehicle weight to be reduced, but the heavy-duty chassis was completely new. The six-cylinder engine was ousted in favour of the 3528cc Buick-derived V8

TARMAC TERRORIST

On the road, the vehicle was no sluggard and, in prototype form, was apparently capable of a somewhat raucous 79mph (128km/h), although this was subsequently governed to 62mph (100km/h). With the low ratios selected, maximum tractive effort was sufficient to provide excellent low-speed performance in the

rough stuff, while the short overhang at front and rear meant that the approach and departure angles were sufficient to prevent the vehicle getting hung up on rocks and ditches. Unladen weight was in the order of 4100 lb (1864kg), and the truck was light enough to be carried in Andover or Britannia aircraft, or to be lifted by a Wessex

helicopter with the body panels removed.

During 1970, a total of ten prototypes were constructed. Six went to FVRDE, to be subjected to arctic and tropical trials, while the remainder were allocated for user trials, including three to the School of Artillery for trials with the 105mm gun. Matching powered trailers were produced by Rubery Owen and Scottorn but, unfortunately, the powered trailer concept was not continued into production. It seems that the trailer could force the vehicle to overturn or jackknife on tight downhill corners, and FVRDE also felt that, since the trailer could only be used with one vehicle type, it was not sufficiently cost-effective.

At the 1971 exhibition of military vehicles held at FVRDE's Chertsey site, the project was still being described as 'under assessment' but the trials were scheduled to end in early 1972, with the winning vehicle - remember, the Rover was still in competition with the Volvo - scheduled to go into production immediately. Eventually, the Land Rover emerged as the clear winner, and the company was awarded a production contract for what was being officially described as 'truck, GS, 1-tonne, 4x4, Rover; FV19009', but which is almost universally known as the 'forward control 101' or '101 FC', the designation being derived from the wheelbase dimension.

INTO SERVICE

Rover exhibited the '101 FC' at the Commercial Motor Show in September 1972, although the vehicle was never sold on the civilian market. With production underway, the first of 2129 vehicles destined for the British Army entered service in late 1975. By the time production ended in 1978, a total of 2669 vehicles had been produced, with additional contracts coming from Australia, Egypt, Iran and Luxembourg. It has subsequently been suggested that the British Army might have purchased a further 2000 vehicles over a period of ten years if Rover had been willing to continue producing at such a low level.

All of the vehicles intended for the British Army were manufactured as general service



All of the 2129 vehicles intended for the British Army were initially fitted with the general service (GS) cargo body, not the flat front panel. Presumably made possible because the shorter length of the V8 engine when compared to the straight six allows the driving controls and radiator to be mounted slightly further back. (Warehouse Collection)

(GS) cargo vehicles, with both left- and right-hand drive examples produced. The GS variant also served as the tractor for the 105mm light gun, and was adapted as a prime mover and tracking unit for the British Aircraft Corporation's (BAC) Rapier surfaceto-air anti-aircraft missile, in which form it was operated by the RAF. Other examples were equipped as a mortar carrier, and as a mount for the MILAN anti-tank missile, and REME converted at least one vehicle for the light recovery role with a small folding jib in the rear compartment. Some 520 vehicles were subsequently converted by Marshalls of Cambridge for the field ambulance role (FV19010), with the enclosed body providing accommodation for four stretchers. There were also two types of fully-enclosed electronics/communications vehicles, which, similarly, were based on existing cargo vehicles. The most numerous of these was the signals and electronics repair variant, fitted with a similar body to that of the ambulance – known as the 'box utility' and designed by Lairds of Anglesey.

Below: Like the Series II and IIA 'lightweight', the body of the 'forward control 101' was designed to allow it to be stripped to the minimum, thus reducing the weight of the vehicle to aid air portability. In this condition, the vehicle remains fully operational. (Rover)

> Above: This photograph, taken during construction, shows the position of the V8 engine, behind the front axle. (Warehouse Collection)



View across the passenger seat towards the driving position; note the trunking and ductwork running across the centre of the cab. (Rover)

A number of these signals vehicles were converted to biological agent detection vans during the liberation of Kuwait. A second signals body variant, known as Vampire, was used in the signal-detection role, the vehicles operating in groups of three to triangulate the position of enemy communications operations.

Although the vehicle suffered initially from reliability issues, it was well liked and remained in service into the late nineties, with surplus examples being quickly snapped-up by off-road enthusiasts who



A total of 520 cargo vehicles were subsequently converted to the field ambulance role by Marshalls of Cambridge, with a fully-enclosed, heated body that provided accommodation for four stretchers. (Warehouse Collection)

recognised that the '101' offered exceptional off-road performance. The vehicle is also popular with military-vehicle collectors and

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prices have remained high, with examples currently changing hands at anywhere between £4000 and £15,000.

Below: The signals and electronics repair variant was fitted with a similar type of boxy enclosed body to the ambulance, but, in this case, constructed by Lairds of Anglesey. Note the additional access doors in the side of the vehicle; there is also a single door at the rear. The similar Vampire signals detection vehicle can be identified by the single side door. (Warehouse Collection)



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HARROWING STUFF

David Doyle looks at the evolution of the Sherman Tankdozer and the many obstacles that stood in its way during production



Above and right: The initial efforts toward developing dozer attachments for tanks centered around their potential use removing land mines. Emphasis was placed on lifting the mine from the soil and pushing it aside, rather that detonating it in place. INSET: Both LeTourneau and La Plant-Choate developed such dozer attachments; this is the latter.



While the bulldozer and the tank share the common ancestor of the track-laying tractor, the concept of combining the dozer blade with the tank didn't exactly happen overnight. In fact, it wasn't until 28 January 1942 that the US Army first considered the idea of using specially equipped tanks to tackle obstacles. These would feature dozer blades, which could be used to fill antitank ditches, road craters, move obstructions, and most importantly, shove mines out of the way.

In order to move mines without detonating them, the dozer blade had to exert less than 300 lb of pressure and while a bulldozer could perform these functions, most lacked armour protection for the driver, and had no protection other than the driver's rifle. Effectively then, a tank, with its armour protection, machine guns and heavy main gun seemed perfectly suited.

STARTING FROM SCRATCH In early 1942 the tank-mounted dozer blade concept was batted around within the army, with the Armored Force feeling that mineclearing was an engineer's function, and



Further development work on the T5, in part to improve the hydraulic system, resulted in the T5E1, shown here. Like its predecessor, the pivot point for the blade assembly was near the rear of the tank. handing development to the engineers.

On 23 April 1942 the Engineer Board presented the Chief of Engineers with the results of its preliminary investigation; not surprisingly it found that given the enclosed nature of the tank and the cable-operated dozer mechanisms prevalent at the time, a major hurdle would be the operation of the blade.

The Engineer Board, in the next phase of development, approached the Caterpillar Tractor Company for help designing a suitable blade and initially it was hoped that a standard tractor blade could be adapted for this use although it was quickly determined that this wasn't to be the case. As concurrently the Desert Warfare Board had been testing a V-type plow mounted on a M3 medium tank for rapid road construction, there was hope that this apparatus could be adapted for mine removal, but that too was unsuccessful. After some consideration. the board opted to start from scratch with the goal being to develop a blade specifically for mine removal, and then adapt this to enable it to remove other obstacles. At about the same time, the Chief of Engineers asked the board to investigate equipment for the negotiation of underwater and beach obstacles.

BLADE RUNNER

Arrangements were made with RG Le Tourneau, Inc. for a cable-operated blade with shallow moldboard and 50-degree V; and with the La Plant-Choate Manufacturing Company for a similar blade, albeit hydraulically operated, designated T5. It was hoped that these blades, following best practices of earth and snow removal blades, would give maximum earthrolling and windrowing action. In this way, any



Above: With the T5E2, the pivot point moved to the centre suspension bracket of the Sherman. A hydraulic pump, driven by the tank engine, actuated the lift cylinder, which by now was hidden behind a light armour shield at the centre of the blade. The 10,000 lb mechanism could be jettisoned from within the tank in five seconds – and remounted in 30 seconds.



mines that may be activated during removal would explode against a cushion of soil rather than against the blade itself. Harrowing action would be the result of 13 teeth spaced along the 12ft 6in blade length.

The Le Tourneau blade, designated T6, was mounted on a M4A2 Sherman. It was found that the blade did not interfere with the tank's manoeuvrability, however a power control unit that would allow the crew to change that height of the blade was needed. The La Plant-Choate blade had a control, but the hydraulic system was inadequate – therefore this unit was found unsatisfactory.

The Le Tourneau blade was redesigned with a power control unit replacing the hand-operated winch and lifting shoe. The reconfigured blade, designated the T6E1, incorporated a single-drum



The T5E3 continued the evolution of the dozer, which was still intended for mine removal. The outer ends of the moldboard were hinged, permitting the width to be reduced sufficiently to pass over standard engineer bridges or loading on an LCT. All the T5 models were intended for use at about 2mph (3.2km/h), but with the blade up the tank operated normally.

control unit, an air compressor, an A-frame for the front of the tank and a set of eight cable sheaves. The compressed air was used to operate a blade control unit clutch and brake.

TESTING TIMES

The T6E1 was tested at Fort Knox, where it was found satisfactory, although in its report of May 1943, the engineer board recommended that a powerplant using a Jeep engine be developed, angled blades be explored and significantly recommended further development of the previously rejected T5 hydraulic blade. Further, the board also recommended the pure bulldozing capacity of a tankdozer be further investigated.

On 12 July 1943 the Chief of Engineers approved some of the recommendations, but rejected the idea of experimenting with angled blades. He also suggested that the best features of the hydraulic and cable controlled units be combined. However, before this suggestion could be acted upon, the decision was made that further development of mechanical mine clearing devices would be shifted to the Ordnance Department.



In mid-1943 responsibility for mechanical mine clearance was shifted from the engineers to ordnance. Relieved of the need to clear mines, the engineers pursued a conventional dozer blade-type attachment, the result being the M1, shown here.

This did not remove the engineers from the tankdozer project, but rather, allowed them to concentrate their efforts on developing a dozer system that leant itself to removing trees and man-made obstructions. From the experiences of the Desert Warfare Board in 1942, the engineers knew that key to the success of such an apparatus was rapid response to blade control inputs. Other desired characteristics included minimum weight, rapid jettisoning, minimum tank modifications and the use of a bulldozer-style blade. Both Le Tourneau and La Plante-Choate responded with experimental models, with the Le Tourneau example being

Below left: The 9000 lb weight of the M1 caused the front suspension of the tanks they were mounted on to compress, as seen on this composite Sherman of Company C, 4th Tank Battalion. The tank was part of the Tornado Task Force at Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 6 September 1944. Below right: A Signal Corps photographer captured this image of a M1-equipped M4A3 rolling through France in 1944. Visibility from a buttoned-up Sherman, already poor at best, was severely hampered by the installation of the dozer blade, leading to the development of a wide-angle periscope.











ready for testing in mid-June 1943.

It was a self-contained, cable operated unit with a power pack incorporating a Jeep engine and a small air compressor. Once a tank was secured upon which it could be mounted, the unit, designated Medium Tankdozer, T1, was shipped to Fort Pierce, Florida, for testing against antitank barriers. The unit passed the tests with flying colours, easily pushing

aside obstacles and demonstrating it could be jettisoned in less than five seconds. As a result, the engineer board asked the Chief of

Choate blade was ready for testing, and as it had been funded by the ordnance department, it was shipped to Aberdeen for testing. This unit was hydraulically operated, with the hydraulic pump being driven via a power take off from the tank engine. While this eliminated the need for the separate power pack, it significantly increased the time required to remove the dozer from the tank.

Above: A tankdozer advances across a M2 steel treadway bridge in the Normandy region. Sixteen of the vehicles had been scheduled to land on Omaha beach, but ten were lost before reaching the shore, and one other had to come ashore without the dozer attachment. Left: In order to cross the Rhine, the army brought forward LCVPs, hauling them, in this instance, on M19 trailers. Manoeuvring these through soft soil was challenging, and here such a trailer with load is towed by an armoured D7, with a Sherman tankdozer moving up to assist with a push from behind on 6 April, 1945.

declared Corps of Engineer equipment, and authorisation was granted to develop such attachments for light, medium and heavy tanks. On 14 December 1943 development of blades for heavy tanks was disapproved due to the shortage of heavy tanks.

By January 1944 the first shipments of tankdozer attachments were en route to combat theaters. The engineer board recommended that one should be supplied to each company of an armoured battalion, two to the headquarters company of combat battalions at the corps and division level, and two to medium tank companies.

In March 1944 the board, while acknowledging that the Le Tourneau blade offered superior performance, discontinued work on

Staff for authorisation to purchase the blade, which Le Tourneau had built with its own funds. There was also request to purchase additional identical blades for service testing as well as develop a similar blade for use with light tanks for use in jungle warfare.

However, by this time

"...theatres of operations were receiving bulldozer kits that would not fit the tanks for which they were intended."

READY TO ROLL

On 16 September 1943 the Chief of Engineers directed that work begin on a light tankdozer, and on 28 September the purchase of the experimental Le Tourneau medium tank unit was approved. In October it was requested that dozer attachments for tanks be formally that unit. On 5 September 1944 the 124in wide M1 bulldozer attachment was reclassified from Limited Procurement Type to Standard Article and procurement of 500 additional kits was authorised. Ultimately, a total of 1957 tankdozer conversion kits were produced.

Prototypes of dozer attachments for light tanks were produced by both Le Tourneau and La Plant-Choate and these underwent testing at Fort Pierce, but a 28 April 1944 report indicated that the medium tankdozer was much superior to the light tank unit, and that the latter only be used when conditions preclude the use of

Left: A whitewashed 714th Tank Battalion, 12 Armored Division, Sherman tankdozer, towing a trailer, moves through the streets of Colmar, France. The date is 3 February 1945, and in minutes the tank will be ordered to move forward, clearing debris and allowing the following column to move ahead.



the La Plant-



Above: An 8th Armored Division, Ninth US Army Sherman tankdozer, with M32 recovery vehicle following, passes obstacles, as well as a knocked out Sherman, near Merbeck, Germany 2 March 1945.





the medium tankdozer. However, the following month the board was directed to develop a dozer attachment for the T24 light tank, then replacing the M5-family.

FIRST INTO BATTLE

In May 1944, the 16th Armored Engineer Battalion became the first organisation to use the tankdozer in combat when the equipment went into action in Italy. The battalion forwarded several recommendations including the introduction of a double acting hydraulic system, chain rather than belt drive, use of an angled blade, and metal rather than rubber hydraulic lines.

By June 1944 the tankdozer programme was in serious trouble, as the Ordnance Department had altered the design of the M4A3 without advising the engineers, thus the theatres of operations were receiving bulldozer kits that would not fit the tanks for which they were intended. The engineer board accordingly



recommended that the development of tankdozers be transferred to ordnance.

Ultimately, it was decided that ordnance would handle the dozer attachments, development of which by then had been approved, for the new T26 tank. The engineer board, however, would be responsible for the development of the dozer attachments for the T24 and M4A3E8.

The dozer for the E8 required a new trunnion bracket assembly as well as a 14in wider blade (owing to the greater width of the tank).

Above: The M1 continued to be used by the US Army well beyond the end of WW2. This example mounted on a composite-hull M4A3, was photographed in Korea on 2 August 1950. The lift cylinder and surrounding armour are shown to good advantage. Although suspension lock outs had been recommended as soon as the dozer attachments were fielded in 1944, they did not become part of the kit. Hence, this vehicle exhibits the characteristic slight nose down stance of tankdozers. Left: With the advent of the M4A3E8, the M1 blade had to be redesigned. The result was the M1A1, shown here. Other than the mounting and a 14in increase in width, it differed little from the earlier model.

The results of this project were such that specifications for the new blade, the M1A1, were published 12 April 1945.

FURTHER REFINEMENTS

In part in response to feedback from units in the field, further refinements were made to the tankdozer including fitting dozer attachments originally developed for use with a high speed tractor to the front hull of a M4A3E8 Sherman. Thus designated T7, the unit was given further testing, ultimately being standardised as the M2. The Sherman was soon eclipsed by newer vehicles as America's primary medium tank, and no further refinements were made to the Sherman tankdozer beyond the M2.

Below left: The final evolution in dozer attachments for the Sherman was the T7, later standardised as the M2. Work began on this system in early 1945. The T7 was an outgrowth of a system of blades developed for use with high speed tractors, and various blade widths, ranging from 124 to 146in, were tried. Below: Halfway around the world from the previous scene, near Old Lashio, Burma, an M1-equipped Sherman of the 1st Provisional Tank Group gouges a road from the terrain on 6 March 1945. A crewman rides on the hull during the road-creating operation. No doubt he has taken this stance in order to be an extra set of eyes for the tank driver.







Left: The initial model for the FH70 Limber produced at MVEE. It shows an AEC Militant Mark 3 (0880) chassis carrying eight NATO ammunition pallets in much the same way the Foden would in due course. (TMB)

FIRE AND POWER!

Geoff Fletcher looks at one of the last towed guns developed in Europe before the end of the Cold War. The FH70 (1978-'99) was unusual in that although it was towed it had an auxiliary engine and could move under its own power...

n 1963 NATO Basic Military Requirement 39 (NBMR-39) was agreed for close support artillery and covered both towed and tracked weapons. In due course Germany and the UK set up a project in 1966 and signed a Memorandum of Understanding in August 1968. The project team agreed the operational characteristics for both a towed close support gun (FH70) and a self-propelled tracked vehicle (SP70) – both of which were to be developed jointly. The requirements for the towed gun were: a detachable auxiliary power unit (APU); an unassisted range of 24km and 30km assisted; a burst capability of three rounds in 15 to 20 seconds, six rounds per minute for a short period and two rounds per minute in sustained fire, with ability to fire all 155mm munitions in NATO service and a proposed new range of ammunition.

> Below: Automotive towing trials were conducted with a suitably modified Cranes dolly-wheel converter trailer. The trailer's original use was to turn Rubery Owen 20 ton Semi-trailers into full trailers. (TMB)

> > LONG VEHICLE

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The USA was invited to join but declined, although Italy became a participating member in 1970. Around that time it was becoming clear that only a weapon of 155mm calibre would be capable of breaking up the anticipated mass tank attack from the Warsaw Pact in the event of war.

The tracked SP70 would have used the same ordnance and the same ammunition and charge system as FH70 but mounted in a turret on a variant of the Leopard chassis. This was intended to replace the older US M109 Howitzer which was in use with all three armies but the three countries had divergent requirements and the doomed programme was finally cancelled in 1985. Indeed some orders did follow with Japan building nearly 500 under licence and much smaller quantities being sold to several other countries.

GOOD TO GO

The towed gun project was more successful with user trials commencing in 1975 and acceptance trials were held in September 1977 at Larkhill. On the press day following these each of three Howitzers was crewed by one of the participating nations and each fired its gun in front of the assembled press from several European countries. It was hoped the gun would attract export orders in addition to the 500 ordered by the three nations (UK, Italy and Germany) in the project.



Left: The FH70 Tractor model is an AEC Militant Mark 3 (0870) carrying a crew compartment and four NATO ammunition pallets. The body on the Foden would also have a locker at the rear for carrying various tools associated with emplacing, servicing and firing the gun. (TMB)

The gun had an engine and was, to an extent, self-

propelled in that it was able to move from where the tractor dropped it into a prepared hide. This was just as well because it weighed several tons and was nigh impossible to manhandle. The engine also powered the hydraulics which brought the gun into action, but this was a double-edged sword. Although it made handling easier, if for any reason the engine was unserviceable the gun could not be brought into action.

There were several artillery days at Larkhill in the 1980s when the FH70 was demonstrated and the sight of a towed gun running around the arena under its own power certainly amused

the watching crowds. Nonetheless on a few occasions the auxiliary power unit failed and the guns could not deploy and fire.

The development and trials took ten years from that initial agreement in 1968 and although the gun was called FH70 it would more accurately have been called FH80!

GOOD TO TOW

Alongside the development of the gun each nation was developing its own tractors and limbers to tow the gun. While Germany looked to MAN for its tractor and Italy to Fiat the early drawings and models from the Military Vehicles Engineering Establishment (MVEE) suggest the UK appears to have considered using the AEC Militant Mark 3 0870/0880 chassis.

However, by 1969 the UK was considering a new logistic fleet including 16 tonne Low



FH70 Tractor although here it is seen rigged as a Limber. It is fitted with steel dropsides and note the mid-mounted Atlas crane. (TMB)



In 1973 the Italian Army loaned its Fiat Tractor to the MVEE for comparative trials. I have not found a trials report but suffice to say that MVEE preferred the Foden! (TMB)

Mobility Load Carriers (LMLC) and eight tonne High Mobility Load Carriers (HMLC). Ultimately the LMLC fleet would be fulfilled by Foden and the requirement for a HMLC seems to have been downgraded to a Medium Mobility Load Carrier (MMLC). By late 1974 MVEE began experimenting with a Foden MMLC 6x6 chassis towing a powered axle trailer and this chassis also formed the basis for the FH70 tractor and

towed. In practice the design of the limber and tractor were so similar that tractors could operate as limbers and vice-versa. Six production tractors and six production limbers (42 GB 14 to 42 GB 25) were also ordered under WV11314 in 1973/74 for troop trials.

MADE TO ORDER

The UK contract A/CTS/1195 resulted in a delivery of 71 guns

"...the sight of a towed gun running

plus two or three for training and a 25% war reserve. For the first time these 'towed guns' were given registrations (00 TG 01 to 00 TG 71) possibly because they could move under their

- enough to equip

three regiments of

18 per regiment

own steam. The production batches of tractors and limbers were acquired under contract WV12035. They were known as 'Tractor, Wheeled, GS, 155mm Howitzer, 6x6, Foden' and 'Truck, Limber, Wheeled, Field Artillery, 6x6, Foden'.

In all 67 production tractors were made consisting of 50 production tractors acquired



limber of which prototypes became available from mid-1975. In fact, the powered axle trailer concept proved unworkable on the Foden eight tonne and the project was abandoned.

In all, nine prototypes (04 SP 17 to 04 SP 25) of the tractor and two (04 SP 26 and 04 SP 27) of the limber were built under contract WV11314 and these were trialled between 1975 and 1978. To simulate the weight and length of the towed FH70 in automotive trials specially modified Cranes dolly-wheel converters were



This is the engineering model of the Foden Medium Mobility Load Carrier with its powered axle trailer which was eventually shelved. MVEE had been involved in another unsuccessful study of a powered axle trailer towed by the Land Rover 1 Tonne. (TMB)





under WV12035 (23 GN 60 to 24 GN 04 and 24 GN 71 to 24 GN 75) the 12 troop trial tractors and limbers (42 GB 14 to 42 GB 25) and five of the prototype tractors from WV11314 (52 GB 49 to 52 GB 53). A total of 67 production limbers (24 GN 05 to 24 GN 70)

were also made consisting of 66 under WV12035 and one troop trial limber (52 GB 48) from WV11314. The troop trial and prototype vehicles were all returned to Foden for refurbishment to production standard in around 1980. The

remaining prototypes were later used as the basis for Foden recovery vehicles.

DEPLOYMENT

Initially the FH70 was issued to two of the field regiments supporting field forces from late 1978. These regiments had previously been

Above: A fully laden prototype FH70 tractor towing a mock-up of the FH70 gun during trials at Chertsey. The mock-up gun appears to use the real trails and wheels of an FH70 and only a simulated gun has been added. (TMB) Left: SP70 was the sister project to FH70. It mounted the same ordnance on a Leopard-based chassis but in a specially built turret. One of its more obvious problems was loading ammunition up to a turret at turret ring height! (TMB)

equipped with the 105mm Light Gun (L118) although this remained in service with 6 Field Force (4 Field Regiment – presumably because of its airborne role) and 3 Commando Brigade (29 Commando Regiment).

The regiments receiving it were as follows: 7 Regiment RHA; Roberts Barracks, Osnabrück; 5 Field Force; 40 Field Regiment; Kirkee Barracks, Colchester; 7 Field Force; 1 Regiment RHA; Alanbrooke Barracks, Topcliffe; 1 Artillery Brigade.

So the deployment of FH70 was to strengthen BAOR as both 5 and 7 Field Forces were also committed to BAOR.

It is interesting to note as an aside that FH70 was tested with 29 Commando Regiment in Norway to see if this could increase the regiment's firepower. The details of the difficulties of getting it ashore from a landing craft and subsequent towing problems were described in an article in Gunner magazine 30 years ago and it was clearly not viewed as a

great success!

In 1984 7 RHA handed its guns over to 26 Field Regiment which was returning to Baker Barracks, Thorney Island. Eventually, in April 1992, this rather complex and heavy weapons

"...these 'towed guns' were given registrations (00 TG 01 to 00 TG 71) - possibly because they could move under their own steam."

> Initially 1 Regiment RHA (1 RHA) reported to North East District, although this must have been for administrative purposes only, but once 1 Artillery Brigade reformed in 1984 the role of this regiment (by then 1 RHA had been succeeded by 49 Field Regiment in an 'Arms Plot Move') in support of BAOR became clear.

system was handed over to the two TA Field Regiments – 100 and 101 Field Regiments (V) to replace the Light Gun. It left service with those two regiments in around 1999 which then converted back to Light Gun. The tractors and limbers went through the auctions in the middle of that year.





Above: The rather peculiar sight of two towed guns moving out of the Larkhill arena under their own power. Note that the gun wears its serial 00 TG 10 - no prizes for guessing 'TG' meant towed gun! Left: This FH70 tractor appeared at the RAC Centre in July 1985 and although marked on the front bumper with the Saltire to indicate 40 Field Regiment was on charge to the RAC Centre!

Right: A Foden limber (rigged as a tractor) towing the FH70. When on the road this was a long vehicle as the tractor was around 30ft long and the gun a further 32ft in length.



A rear view of the Foden tractor shows the rear winch rollers and the tow hitch. It is clearly marked NE/140 indicating 1 RHA. This vehicle was seen at Artillery Day, Larkhill in July 1980. Note the battery sign on the cab doors – a Royal cipher and scroll surrounding a gold E – indicating E Battery RHA.

MODERN REPLACEMENT

There have been recent attempts to interest the Royal Artillery in BAE Systems' Ultralightweight Field Howitzer (UFH) although this is often referred to as M777 as it is in service with the United States Marine Corps. This is a more recent lightweight 155mm artillery piece offering a greater range (24km) and a heavier shell than L118 Light Gun (20.6km using base



This is a limber but rigged with the crew compartment from a tractor mounted at the front of the load bed. This vehicle was at Larkhill Artillery Day in July 1984 and belonged to 49 Field Regiment which had taken over the 1 Artillery Brigade role from 1 RHA in an 'Arms Plot' move.

bleed) although it can use the Selex LINAPS artillery pointing system as the L118 uses in British service. At one point there were plans to buy this weapon mounted on a purposebuilt Supacat HMT Portee under a project known as Lightweight Mobile Artillery Weapon System (Gun) (LIMAWS (G)) but this project was cancelled in 2007.

Thanks to the Tank Museum, Bovington (TMB) for the use of photographs.

Below: The FH70 tractor and towed gun makes an impressive sight. This detachment was photographed during a demonstration by 19 Field Regiment at Topcliffe in 1990. At this point the regiment also had Light Gun and was dual-equipped as the new air-mobile role was developing.





This FH70 is brought out of action during a demonstration at Topcliffe. The gun is being driven from its firing position to the hide where its tractor is hidden.

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UNSAFE AT ANJ SPEED?

Pat Ware takes a look at the development of the M151, and wonders if its reputation for roll-over accidents is entirely deserved

n 1965, an American activist named Ralph Nader wrote a stinging critique of the safety record of the US auto industry under the title 'Unsafe at Any Speed'. He reserved particular criticism for the rear-engined Chevrolet Corvair which, he claimed, was liable to overturn without warning as a result of the swing-axle suspension setup. He might equally have railed against the Ford-designed M151 which shared the Corvair's basic suspension design and which was equally liable to flip over if cornered hard. Indeed, one report states that during 1967 alone, the M151 was involved in 3538 accidents that resulted in 104 deaths and 1858 injuries... 36% of these accidents were due to the vehicle overturning in a 'non-collision situation'.

Knowing that death or injury in combat is never more than a gunshot away is bad enough, but the last thing you need is to also feel that the vehicle in which you are riding might also be trying to kill you. Despite two redesigns that attempted to fix the problem,

Below: US 40mm machine gun, Mk 19 Mod 3, mounted on a Marine Corps M151A2. The curious dotted paint pattern remains something of a mystery. (Warehouse Collection)

the M151 was considered so dangerous the US government decreed that surplus vehicles should not be sold to the public except as scrap... So, let's take a look at the M151 and see if this reputation is deserved.

THROW AWAY DESIGN

Work on the M151 started in 1951 when the Ford Motor Company was awarded a development contract for what at the time was being described as the 'military utility tactical truck' – or MUTT for short – and



<image>

Members of the US 82nd Airborne Division drive off of a utility landing craft in a pair of M151A2s; note the additional wire screen fitted to the radiator grille of the lead vehicle. The photograph was taken during operation 'Ocean Venture'. (US Department of Defense) which was intended as a replacement for the remaining WW2 Jeeps in US military service.

Initially designated XM151, the vehicle was designed on a radical low-cost 'throwaway' principle and was intended to offer maximum cross-country capabilities, combined with high flotation, air-drop capability, and ease of maintenance. The first prototype appeared in 1952. Unlike the old WW2 Jeep, the vehicle utilised monocoque construction, incorporating an integral welded box frame and, in another departure from what had gone before, the conventional live axles were replaced by independent suspension using swing axles with coil springs and twin wishbones. Power came from a 2320cc Continental overhead-valve engine, producing 71bhp, driving through a four-speed gearbox and single-speed transfer case, giving part-time four-wheel drive. Top speed on the road was 65mph (106km/h).

Despite a somewhat lower profile, which came as a result of the monocoque construction, in appearance the vehicle was not unlike the WW2 Jeep, with an opensided body, a flat engine cover flanked by simple mudguards, and a single-piece folding windscreen; inside there was space for four men. There was no tailgate, but the body was cut-away at the rear to facilitate loading, albeit the spare wheel and jerrycan were nicely in the way. Most examples were fitted with a plastic-coated soft-top, combined with doors and side curtains of the same material, although a hard-topped winter enclosure was also available.

TROUBLE LOOMS

Alongside the basic cargo variant (M151, M151A1 and M151A2), the vehicle was also




M151A2 mounting the US Army's TOW (tube-launched, optically tracked, wire-guided) missile system. The photograph was taken during the joint South Korean/US training exercise 'Team Spirit' in 1984. (US Department of Defense)

produced as a frontline ambulance (M718, M718A1); as a communications vehicle with rear-facing passenger seat (M107,

M108); as a platform for the 106mm recoilless rifle (M151A1C and M825); and as a Marine Corps small numbers, and there were experiments with extended 6x6 and 8x8 versions, but none of these experimental to be manufactured by Ford, Willys, Kaiser-Jeep and AM General, with production continuing until 1985, before being

"The vehicle went into production in 1960, and was ultimately manufactured by Ford, Willys, Kaiser-Jeep and AM General." resumed briefly in 1988. A total of around 432,000 examples were constructed and the vehicle

saw service with around 100 countries worldwide, acquiring a reputation for excellent reliability. Late models of the

'fast-attack' vehicle. The M151A2-LC variant, which used live axles and semielliptical springs, was also produced in



Below: The rear suspension set-up of the M151A2 was redesigned to reduce the tendency of the rear wheels to tuck under during fast cornering. The variant can be easily identified by the one-piece windscreen and large combined turn indicators/blackout lights inset into the front mudguards. (AM General)



Left: M151A2s being loaded aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Dubuque (LPD-8) for the trip to South Korea during exercise 'Team Spirit '82'. The lead vehicle gives a good view of the front suspension arrangements. (US Department of Defense)

M151A2, for example, were expected to achieve an average figure of 4000 miles (6500km) between failures, and a figure of 20,000 miles (32,500km) without replacement, rebuild or overhaul of any of the major components.

Although there were no reports of difficulties during testing, almost as soon as the vehicle started to enter service, it was obvious that there were handling problems. The combination of military bar-grip tyres, swing axles, and a relatively-high centre of gravity resulted in unpredictable handling on the road, and abrupt turns at speed could cause the inner wheels to tuck under, resulting in the vehicle rolling over. Despite two modifications this problem was never satisfactorily resolved.

MODIFICATION MATTERS

The first modification came in the form of the M151A1. Introduced in 1964/65, the 'A1' was fitted with stiffer springs, firmer suspension mountings, and an extra rubber bump stop to reduce rebound. However, it seems that the problem persisted and in 1969/70 this was replaced by the M151A2, in which the rear suspension was completely reconfigured using semitrailing arms designed to allow the wheels on each side to assume different angles; this allowed the rear end to act more like a solid axle. The handling was considerably improved and, combined with a rigorous driver training programme, the incidence of roll-over accidents was reduced but,





M151A2, UTILITY TRUCK 1/4-TON, 4 X 4



AM General Corporation

Above: A military policeman directing an M151A2 to a parking area after it has been unloaded from a German Air Force C-160 aircraft during exercise 'Reforger '80'. (US Department of Defense) Above right: AM General sales leaflet for the M151A2. (AM General)

nevertheless, the problem was never felt to have been completely eliminated and, from 1986, the US Army started installing a roll-over protection system (ROPS) to reduce injuries.

By this time, US Army M151s were starting to be superseded by the Humvee, and thousands were declared surplus to requirements over the next decade. However, nervous of potential law suits arising from the death of injury of untrained civilian users, the US Government had decreed early on that surplus M151s, regardless of variant, should be cut or crushed before disposal. At auction, purchasers were initially required to cut the vehicles into pieces on-site but, if this was done carefully, the parts could be welded back together at a later date. Subsequent changes to the auction conditions allowed successful bidders only to remove parts before the vehicles were cut or crushed under supervision.

Whether or not this was an overreaction to what may have been largely a driver-training issue is difficult to say. Unsurprisingly, there are few M151s in private hands, even in the USA, and the vehicle remains a relatively rare sight on the rally field.

Right: The US government was most insistent that M151s did not find themselves in the hands of untrained civilians. These M151A2s have been cut in half in an attempt to render them unusable... the later disposals regime required the vehicles to be crushed after sale. (Warehouse Collection) Left: Rows of refurbished US Marine Corps M151A2s parked prior to their transfer to the Air National Guard (ANG) in an acquisition and rehabilitation project that apparently saved the US Air Force about seven million dollars. (US Department of Defense)



THE FUNNIES ON SWORD

David Fletcher's always had a fascination with Sword and the various 'funnies' deployed there. Here's his account of what happened...

As soon as they got inland the AVREs went into assault mode, supporting the infantry in attacks on strongpoints. The sensor has been busy on this picture, obliterating the markings.

Sword Beach more or less covers the area from Lion-sur-Mer in the west to La Brèche d'Hermanville in the east but you can stretch it further east to Ouistreham and the entrance to the Caen canal if you wish. They all form part of the Sword Beach story. The invasion of Sword was under the control of British 3rd Infantry Division, headed by their 8th Infantry Brigade but for our purposes it is the composition of the 79th Armoured Division that matters. Its contribution to the attack on Sword would be 77 and 79 Squadrons Armoured Royal Engineers (ARE) equipped with Churchill AVREs, 20 to each squadron. The 77 Squadron ARE was to land on Queen White sector of Sword Beach while 79 Squadron ARE made for Queen Red immediately to the left. It would be accompanied by A Squadron, 22nd Dragoons, a Royal Armoured Corps regiment equipped with Sherman Crab flail tanks. A flail tank squadron also comprised 20 tanks. Elements of A Squadron Westminster Dragoons – another flail regiment – were probably also there.

The AVREs and Crabs, supplemented by armoured bulldozers, were organised into eight teams, four to land on Queen White and four more on Queen Red. Each team which had already been selected to deal with a specific objective, landed in its own landing craft but you would expect each team in this case to comprise five AVREs and two flails, or some similar combination. Each team was aimed at a specific target or targets but with the ultimate aim of creating safe routes off the beach for other vehicles to use as they came ashore, although this was often a lot easier said than done.

JACK OF ALL TRADES

One of the features of that first day ashore was the need to improvise. No matter what its specified role any tank had to be ready to perform any function, if it could, as the situation demanded. After D-Day 79th Armoured Division attempted to assert itself by requiring that its specialised armour be returned to its parent unit once its task had been done rather than it being absorbed into the strength of the force it had been loaned to, at the whim of its commander.

One question that is not easy to resolve, even after all this time, is whether or not any Churchill ARKs were used during the northwest Europe campaign. If they were then one would expect to find them on the Normandy beaches; anywhere a sea wall was likely to be encountered which tanks needed to climb over, or an anti-tank ditch to be crossed. Two authors, the late Geoffrey Futter and the late BT White both say that they were used although they are not featured in a list published in 'The Story of 79th Armoured Division' that was printed just after the war, and purported to show all the types of specialised armour used by 79th Armoured Division on the Continent. An ARK is listed as being among the types tested by F Wing of the 79th Armoured Division at Gheel in Belgium although that does not necessarily prove that they were used operationally. Now you could say that the ARK was so insignificant that it was never



Above: The beach at La Breche in Queen Red sector showing the planned landing points of the four assault teams.

Right: Once their other duties were done Churchill AVREs were expected to go back to the shore and start clearing away the antiinvasion obstacles. This is a training picture taken in Britain before D-Day and featuring a Churchill stripped of its main armament.

mentioned in the text of any contemporary history, and I have to say that after years of studying the subject I have never come across any evidence at all and concluded that they were probably not used. They were certainly used in Italy, in quite a big way, but then in Italy they never had the small box girder bridge which seems to have been used instead.

LA BRÈCHE

The eastern most beach where landings took place was at La Brèche, on Queen Red, just along from Ouistreham. Because it was overlooked by the cliffs at Le Havre which had German gun positions on them it was believed to be a very difficult beach to fight over. Indeed, despite employing a naval smoke screen to obscure the view from the cliffs, opposition on the beach itself was hard enough to deal with. The teams that landed were all more or less the same, two Crab flail tanks landed first and started to clear a route to the top of the beach; the five AVREs included one with a small box girder bridge and at least one with a Bobbin carpet laying device. An armoured bulldozer made up each team. Unfortunately most of the Crabs were knocked out by

Right: A Churchill gun tank being used to try out a Bullshorn Plough attachment prior to D-Day. So far no actual photos of this equipment, being used on Sword Beach have come to light.



anti-tank gunfire but the surviving Crabs and dismounted crews managed to clear the four lanes anyway. At least two of the small box girder bridges fell awkwardly which seems to have been par for the course, one was lost because the mechanical release mechanism was shot away, and the only bridge that was laid successfully, that of number three team, was soon blocked when a DD tank fell off the side of it. One lane had to be completed by an armoured bulldozer but the account also speaks of a log carpet being laid – but how this was done is not clear. In late 1944 a device for carrying and launching log carpets from a Churchill AVRE was developed by Sappers of F Wing, 79th Armoured Division at Gheel, so how this was done on D-Day is not known.



for its defence, including stationing 21st

Panzer Division in the area. Why, in that case,

difficult to understand. There was, for instance,

a considerable gap between Sword and Juno

and two complete beaches in between, Oboe

of course that 21st Panzer Division managed

evening of 6th June, only to withdraw again

when they saw the size of the second airborne

to penetrate, virtually to the coast on the

and Peter, were not used at all. And it was here

the force appointed to attack Sword was so

small, compared with the other sectors, is

THE CAEN OBJECTIVE

Under normal circumstances, after the AVREs had completed their specialised tasks they were expected to return to the beach and set to work clearing obstacles by uprooting them and dragging them out of the way. But the tide was coming in so fast and the dry beach already filling up with vehicles that this proved impossible so the tanks went to their rallying point. Here they were told that they were now needed in Ouisterham itself. A column of ten AVREs set off at 15:30 hours and it must have been an impressive sight. Their arrival

certainly surprised the Germans who surrendered after being battered by Petard rounds and machine-gun fire. At 20:00 hours four

landing across the Orne which took place at be scooped up and pushed aside, to be "The whole point of landing a force on Sword was that it should advance inland rapidly and take the city of Caen."

deactivated later. The alternative of detonating them with flails would have created huge holes in the sand which would have

AVREs were detached to support the Royal Ulster Rifles in Benouville, a bit further up the canal, while the remaining six settled down to guard the lock gates, which they did all night until relieved in the morning. This event is hardly recorded anywhere.

The whole point of landing a force on Sword was that it should advance inland rapidly and take the city of Caen, which was considered a vital communications centre. Naturally the Germans realised this and made arrangements the same time.

The first British attempt to break through to Caen, which involved one armoured regiment, the Staffordshire Yeomanry, is guite well known but what is not often recorded is that they were supported by Sherman Crab flail tanks, one troop from A Squadron 22 Dragoons and two troops from A Squadron the Westminster Dragoons. Although it effectively wiped out a large proportion of 21st Panzer the attempt was ultimately unsuccessful.



A Small Box Girder Bridge laid across a bomb crater at Lion-sur-Mer. Part of an A frame, lying off to the right shows that this bridge was emplaced by a Mark II, winch equipped AVRE.

been an obstacle to traffic.

LION-SUR-MER

Further east, on Queen White at Lion-sur-Mer, four more teams landed, or at least tried to.

The idea here was to have different teams

obstacles, the other to clear a route off the

care of beach defences and underwater

dedicated to different tasks. One was to take

beach. The first of these used Churchill AVREs

fitted with the Bullshorn Mark III mine plough.

The only occasion this device was ever used

in action that we are aware of. By pushing

the plough in front of the tank mines would

Considering the vast number of plough devices developed in Britain, by four different authorities, this meagre use is quite surprising. So far no photographs have been found to confirm this although it is recorded in the 79th Armoured Division history. Once the ploughs were finished with they could be detached from the tanks which then went on to perform other duties as AVREs. The history records that these tanks were also towing Porpoises, which were amphibious rafts used to carry extra ammunition and this may have been a unique occasion since it is not mentioned anywhere else

Otherwise the actions of the other teams were not dissimilar to those on Queen Red where the opposition was not quite so intense. Although that part of the beach directly in front of Lion-sur-Mer is backed by a high sea wall, further east it is mostly high sand dunes. Three AVREs, after assisting the Crabs to clear a route, went into Lion-sur-Mer with the intention of supporting 41 Royal Marine Commando in their attack but all three were knocked out by anti-tank guns. The landing craft carrying Team 4 was hit by anti-tank gunfire as it landed and the second vehicle off, a Sherman Crab, was destroyed on the ramp and could not be removed. As a result this craft had to return across the Channel, still with almost a complete load of tanks. This meant that the first vehicle off, another



Above: The beach at Lion-sur-Mer, Queen White sector on Sword beach showing how, as one got further west, the built-up area of the town came down to the beach.

Crab, was left on its own. It lost its flail jib to anti-tank gunfire and went into action as an ordinary tank.

The AVRE from No. 3 team which carried a Bobbin was hit and drowned before it got ashore while the crew of the AVRE with a small box girder bridge had to pick it up again under continual small-arms fire. An exit lane completed by No. 3 team was apparently carpeted, perhaps with a Bobbin, although it could have been a Roly-Poly, another carpet device pushed by a tank but not tank mounted, about which we know very little at present.

At one point the sappers on Queen White were joined by the AVREs of 80 Squadron ARE. They were to have landed on Nan beach in support of the Canadians but somehow strayed across two other beaches to join 77 Squadron at Lion-sur-Mer. They assisted in the clearance of the town and then went on



A drowned flail in the sea provides some shelter for a small group of prisoners who look decidedly wet, cold and dejected.

to help with beach clearance but here, as on Queen Red, the rapidly incoming tide and the congestion of vehicles on the dry part of the beach left them with little space to operate. At the end of the day, about 18:00 hours, the AVREs of 80 Squadron made their way back to the Canadian beaches and rallied somewhere between St Aubin-sur-mer and Bernieres.



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The FV701 Ferret and the BRDM2 are both Cold War era reconnaissance vehicles developed immediately post-WW2 but from different sides of the Iron Curtain. Duncan Nicholson finds out which makes the best buy for the enthusiast...



n the military vehicle collector's press there have been many articles about the Daimler Ferret, and probably one or two about the BRDM2. The articles have for the most part been written by enthusiastic owners who tend to labour the positives, and overlook the negatives of their own vehicles. That's understandable – it's human nature. Like their lineage the owners of these two types of vehicles have tended to fall either side of a divide with polarised views, either strongly pro the home grown product, or red hot red against it.

As an individual who has been lucky enough to own and use a number of Ferrets and BRDM2s I would like to attempt an unbiased critical comparison between the two, looking at the practicalities of ownership rather than a dry, otherwise pretty irrelevant comparison of on-paper specification.

As for price, both range between £5000-£10,000 depending on condition and in this respect they're great value. And with prices only going one way from here on, they are both likely to represent a good investment.

RELIABILITY

"It might not be the best looking thing in the world but does it go?" It's a saying often heard in an altogether different context, but it's equally applicable to military vehicles. Reliability is often the last thing on a buyer's checklist, but it's always been at the top of mine...

vehicle makes them great value at the moment.

Ferret: Has a reputation as being very reliable if not the most reliable piece of post-war British armour. With its bullet-proof Rolls-Royce engine and over-engineered everything it scores well in the 'will it get me there?' stakes.

BRDM2: It uses virtually the same engine as the Gaz66 truck that was touted in the Russian equivalent of Top Gear as being the indestructible Russian Toyota. It's a powerplant that has been exported to over 68 countries, with over 7000 still in use today 50 years after it was designed. Enough said?

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NIGGLES

Never mentioned aloud – usually only whispered quietly between friends. Here's some of the negatives...

Ferret: There's the likelihood of 'Ferret Finger' when those heavy window flaps are not secured open correctly and the flap slams shut chopping your fingers off! Steering wheel with spokes like a turbine blade are similarly designed to slice your thumbs off when the wheels realign coming out of a turn or over a bump in the road. Then there's clutch pedal kickback potential to break your ankles if you're too lazy to 'pump up' the clutch prior to starting.

BRDM2: The power steering pump is powered off the gearbox not the engine, so if you try to slip the clutch on a corner there's a risk of losing the assistance and ploughing into a hedge. Also, the distance between the steering wheel and brake pedal can make it difficult for people with long legs to get on the brake pedal quickly enough because your right knee will invariably be kinked to the right.

USABILITY

Okay, so it might not be the first thing you think of when buying a military vehicle, but a vehicle that's uncomfortable and difficult to access will soon rub you up the wrong way – literally!

Ferret: The best aspect of the Ferret is driver visibility. It's great and probably the best of any armoured vehicle other than those where you stick your head out of a hatch. It's also reasonably comfortable once you are in. It's really only a summer vehicle I guess as a balaclava is an essential piece of kit to keep warm due to the unglazed hatches. Retrofitting windows is a common mod. Regarding road and engine noise, just don't expect it to be anything like a modern car. Ear defenders/coms headphones are a must.

BRDM2: "So comrade you want padding? What sort of Western luxury indulgence is that? You have a seat don't you? And because I am in a very nice mood you've got some strips in front of the periscopes to stop you banging your head."

In all seriousness the ride quality is very good; the balloon tyres give excellent cushioning even over rough terrain. Noise is acceptable and the engine is quiet although road noise is more of an issue. It's a very warm vehicle with glazed front windows and a very effective crew heater by the driver to keep you toasty warm. Conversely, the fans are strong and with the engine bulkhead covers open



Lack of hatch giazing in Ferret makes a balaclava an essential bit of kit during winter although lots of owners retro-fit windows.



Rolls-Royce engine and over engineering give Ferret a made-to-last-forever feel.



BRDM's amphibious capabilities gives it plenty of bar room bragging rights.

during a film shoot in the heat of a Lanzarote summer's day I remained comfortably cool inside. Meanwhile, the engine remained rock solid at 80 degrees while at idle during a hour-long shoot in the same conditions. I haven't tried it at minus 40; I'm crazy certainly, but not a masochist. Worst aspect is getting in and out, like the Ferret it's a ball ache. No wonder modified/upgraded vehicles have a small side door.

MAINTENANCE AND SPARES

For regular servicing or if something goes wrong it's important to be able to tap into a good source of spares. Some vehicles are definitely more owner friendly than others in this respect...

Ferret: Have you ever tried getting hold of a spare gearbox? An exhaust? Two of those strange brake actuators? Well if you need either, have fun! Then let me know where you got them. I lamented the other day when coming across an old advertisement in the not too distant past of a place in Belgium where they were scrapping a field full of Ferrets. The benefit of hindsight, eh.

With the engine top hatches removed the top of the engine ancillaries are very accessible, not that you should need to do much once it's properly set up. However, there are some nasty surprises like access to the fuel pump. How many joints do you have in your forearm?

BRDM2: Access is the usual iov as with any armoured vehicle. I keep two of my wife's cushions (ssshhh!) - one to kneel on and one to lean on - when leaning into the engine bay via the bulkhead hatches. The top engine hatch hinges and locks up in place allowing access to the engine from above. Mechanicals are recognisable automotive engineering. Controls are mechanical linkages, and hydraulic brake and clutch lines hold no surprises. Spares are available both within the UK and from the continent; however you may have to wait for parts to arrive in the post. An engine change is guite an undertaking, due mainly to the ancillary systems and pipework for the amphibious systems and minus 40 degree engine warming



Ride quality of BRDM is good thanks to balloon tyres.

stuff. Of course if you bought wisely in the first place it is unlikely that you would have to take out the engine, and you won't be driving it to work every day – or will you?

PERFORMANCE AND SPEC

These are the small, often overlooked details that make one vehicle more rewarding to own than another...

Ferret: Due to its small size the Ferret has good acceleration, especially the turretless versions. A theoretical 58mph is achievable making this a very usable 'tank' for collectors.

The pre-selector system is very easy to use, and a strange, quirky fact is that it's virtually the same 'box as used in the OT64 SKOT developed in Czechoslovakia during the Cold War. The Ferret is small enough to be parked in an average garage or parking bay, a big plus point to our mainly urban population.

BRDM2: It's quite large in comparison to Ferret. Transit van size is how I describe it to lay-people. With 140bhp on tap it's got good acceleration and a reasonable top end cruising speed of 50mph, which is fast enough thank you in a rattly armoured box.

The vehicle is packed full of features, not least of which is the very competent amphibious capability. No prior amphibious

preparation is necessary other than ensuring the bungs are in – both bow plate and propeller doors are hydraulically operated from the driving

> Ferret offers excellent driver visibility, only bettered by vehicles where you stick your head out of a hatch.

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position. A winch is fitted as standard, and four belly wheels can be lowered and powered to prevent bottoming out when traversing humps during off road work. The attack angle of the front and rear has been very carefully thought out using a great deal of practical experience; a friend uses his vehicle as a real life amphibious working platform in the slippery mud of the Morecambe Bay estuary.

Dependent upon version, internal fit varies considerably from fully loaded Command vehicles to Sagger and Spandrell variants with rocket launch rails and sights. With a single seat, plus three additional pews in a standard APC there is room for all the family... buy one of these instead of a new family Ford – it's more fun!

VERDICT

It's a close one in my opinion. I won't give a definite one way or the other, as I neither want to provide cause for collective smugness in one camp, nor do I want to run the risk of death threats from the other...

What I will say, though, is that until recently the Ferret has been the preferred option for many MV collectors wanting an affordable piece of light wheeled armour for road use. However, with the downsizing of former Warsaw Pact armies, surplus BRDM2s have become available to the military vehicle collector and I believe that it offers a very competent alternative to the traditional offering.



Above and right: Some Ferret parts such as gearboxes and exhausts are becoming difficult to source these days.



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Despite being a flop in service, the Springer makes a fun and funky if nothing else it's fabulous value, as Ian Cushway discovers.



More like a beach buggy than a military tool, the Springer was a support vehicle designed for a crew of two with a combat load of around one tonne. Its role was to move pallets of combat supplies from helicopter landing sites to forward operating bases. Obtained under an Urgent Operational Requirement (UOR) it would become the first vehicle of its kind to be used by British forces – although sadly it was far from being a success story. In fact, people are still questioning why it was so ill conceived, why so much money was wasted on it, and indeed whether there was really any need for it in the first place.

NICHE SOLUTION

Its development dates back to late 2008 when the penny obviously dropped that it would be a good thing to speed up the loading process to enable helicopters to become airborne as quickly as possible and thus spend as little time as possible in the danger zone. A suitable vehicle to carry pallets of ammunition, food and water just didn't exist apparently, so one had to be created – and fast. Why the Land Rover, Pinzgauer, Supacat All Terrain Mobility Platform (ATMP) or Roush LAS 100RE 6x6 weren't up for the job or couldn't be modified instead is anyone's guess.

RUSH JOB

The plan was to develop a multi-purpose all-terrain vehicle which would be

extremely mobile and agile, designed specifically for rugged, desert conditions – namely Afghanistan.

Once loaded up, the vehicle would then be driven to forward operating bases (FOB) so it would need a fair lick of speed as well as a degree of protection. And because it would be used in forward locations, it would also need to be as reliable as a Swiss Labrador and easy to maintain.

In 2009 ballistic protection specialists Enhanced Protection System (EPS) was awarded the contract to build 78 vehicles at a cost of £3 million, although this figure's quoted as being £7 million by some sources.

Based on the US made Tomcar all-terrain vehicle platform, power came from a 1400cc Lombardini diesel unit mated to a continuously variable transmission (CVT).

Once assembled, appropriate driver training took place at Leconfield and in Germany.

PROBLEMS LOOMING

By late 2009, just months before vehicles were due to be flown to Afghanistan, problems were already coming to light, with several flaws being recognised during driver training.

Even *The Sun* newspaper got wind that all was not well, reporting that testers had criticised the fragile steering which could easily be damaged on rough terrain. There was also a call for bigger tyres and more power, the addition of armoured doors and underbelly making it snail pace slow out on the field. Of course the MoD swiftly denied any such shortcomings.

SHORT SERVICE

Sadly, the criticisms levelled at the Springer soon became apparent as soon as it went into service in Afghanistan, with reliability problems (such as burned out clutches) further blotting its already much maligned copybook. Moreover, unlike the ATMPs already in use in Afghanistan, it couldn't

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looking civvy street runabout. And given the cost new to the forces,



Power came from an Italian sourced 1.4 diesel unit; it was criticised for being woefully underpowered once armour had been fitted.

be stowed in a Chinook and didn't have a suitable tie down system so had to be carried as a sling load which also seriously hampered its versatility.

Consequently, the Springer was removed from service in March 2011, recovered from Afghanistan and declared out of service in September that year with all 78 vehicles ending up at Defence Support Group in Ashchurch where they were disposed of. Its role today is being carried out by quad bikes!

At best the Springer was an inadequate application for a short-lived situation, at worst an expensive flop which has angered many. We'll let you decide.



Above and below: An air compressor sits behind the front seats, alongside a 48in farm jack.



BUY ONE

Today, of course, you can pick up a Springer like the one here photographed at Marcus Glenn (http://marcusglenn.com) for as little as £9,000. A bargain we'd say considering the huge amounts spent on its development. It's certainly fun to drive and pretty easy to make



Above: Winch could prove a handy accessory in civilian use.





Above: Springer offers seating for two – based on the US Tomcar, all are left-hand drive. Left: Three modes are provided on the drive train. The top mode delivers high speed and low torque while lower mode gives more torque and less speed. The middle mode delivers a combination of speed and cross-country capability.



Rear was designed to carry pallets of combat supplies as well as casualties.





Above left: Balloon tyres look good but were criticised for being too small by testers. Above right: Only 78 Springers were made, so it's likely to become something of a rarity in years to come. Below: This road-legal Springer's for sale at Marcus Glenn for £9,000. A bargain considering its rarity – and the millions spent on its development.



Above: The Springer was developed by EPS at a cost of £3 million but some sources say it cost more than double this! Below: Blackout switch next to ignition barrel is likely to be an interesting talking point as you pull up outside Tescos.



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road legal, making it the perfect vehicle to run to the shops. For longer journeys, it's not so good as top speed is only around 50mph! Whatever way you look at it, it's certainly different – and rare. And just think of all the heated debates you could get into discussing how much was spent on it and why it was built in the first place!

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OUT AND ABOUT WITH CMV ...

Above: A line up of vehicles at the Corowa showground after the parade, with Rick Cove's WW1 Albion in the front row.

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Australia's biggest military vehicle event has once again been the focus

of military enthusiasts down under and Peter McNeill was there for CMV to catch up with the action

The 35th annual Corowa Swim-in was promoted as the year of WW1 (and the Ford) as the world remembers the start of this huge conflict. Being so far from the epic battles of the Great War, WW1 vehicles are extremely rare in Australia. Only one of the thousands of horses shipped overseas for the conflict returned home and it is apparent that the vehicles used didn't fair much better.

Most are recreations of vehicles that supported the troops. A prime example is

the 1917 Model T belonging to Ken Gehrke. His father bought the model T in 1933 and Ken pulled it to bits 50 years ago, and it had remained in boxes ever since. It was only when he heard that 2014 was the year of the WW1 vehicle that he made a huge effort to extract it from under the house and get it restored after all this time. The original body, built by Bodyworks in Brisbane, still retains the chassis number stamped into the timber frame in two places, the prefix QML meaning Queensland Motors Limited. Ken even left the original handriveted mudguard repairs.

PLAYING CHICKEN

While not exactly the correct age for WW1, Anthony Shorten's 1926 Dodge certainly looked like it had come straight from the battlefront. You have to be a bit anally retentive to spot the difference between the WW1 and 1926 variety, so Anthony's has been restored in the style of a WW1 US army Dodge. He rescued



Above: No it wasn't sinking. Manfred Henkel's recently imported GPA makes a quick water entry. Right: Being officially the Corowa Swim-in means anything that floats is welcome. Here a Stalwart passes a GPA.







Above: A very rare Ford GP owned by John Gordon appeared for the first time. This is the second prototype made by Ford which competed with the Willys MA, and the Bantam BRC 40, to win the US Quartermaster's contract for a light reconnaissance vehicle. About 4500 GPs were produced.

Above: A very rare Strickland Bren-gun carrier conversion used by farmers due to a lack of tractors after WW2.

the Dodge from a chicken shed in Rooty Hill, Sydney, NSW and while contemplating how to do the restoration, found a photo of a US Army Dodge with the caption "example of a poorly maintained vehicle". The photographed car looked remarkably like his barn find, even down to the same broken headlight on both vehicles, so he restored his to match the "poorly maintained" example, even keeping the original dents in the body that it acquired while left to rot. Good to see something that looked used and battle weary.

SHED A LITTLE LIGHT

A novel piece of kit which also made an appearance at Corowa was a 90cm searchlight. It had been lovingly restored by the North Manly Volunteer (Harbour Trust) Group from Sydney and trucked to Corowa to provide a unique spectacle. Being a veteran of the New Guinea campaign against the Japanese in 1943, it was great to see it in action. Its carbon arc beam of 210 million candle power can reach up to 60,000ft. The Australian Civil Aviation Authority had to be alerted to its use so it didn't prove a danger to civilian air traffic. As you might have guessed, a decent generator is required and this uses a 18/24kw generator set hooked to a



Anthony Shorten's 1926 Dodge in the guise of a US army 1917 vehicle – not meticulously restored but looking very used and battle weary.

29HP, four-cylinder Gardner high speed diesel. Side valve V8 engines were discontinued for powering the generator set as it was found they used to corkscrew the crankshaft when the searchlight load of 150 amps was applied.

RARE BREN TRACTOR

Several outings were planned for Corowa participants to use their vehicles and a trip to the local Owl's Eye Rural & Military Museum revealed a very rare Strickland Bren tractor. These were Bren-gun carriers that were converted for farm

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use by an enterprising engineer called Jack Strickland. The conversion consisted of moving the seating to the rear and fitting a kerosene vaporiser so the engine could run on power kerosene, which was a lot cheaper at the time. Various experiments were conducted to obtain more low down power and it was eventually determined that the teeth on the drive sprocket would be reduced from 35 to 27. Unfortunately the tracks then fouled the brake drums so the entire drive assembly had to be spaced out from the hull by 50mm. Only about 15 Strickland Bren Tractors exist now, it appears most of the

Left: Ken Gehrke's 1917 Model T with heaps of character restored after spending 50 years in bits. Below: Two enthusiastic individuals checking to see if a Land Rover trailer actually floats like it is supposed to do.



Below: Rod Mills on his recently imported M274 A5 Mule. Weighing only 900 lb, it's great fun for zipping around the Corowa site.



Above: The Alvis Stalwart was a great hit with the kids at the Mulwala Public School. Graham Arkle set it up with stairs and a slippery dip, which proved very popular with the school children.

150 converted Bren-gun carriers were worked to death by farmers and then scrapped.

WANTED DOWN UNDER

The weather co-operated for the parade up the main street of Corowa on Saturday morning and a flyover by a Spitfire flying from Albury to its home at Temora Aviation Museum added spice to the start. There's nothing like the roar of a Rolls-Royce Merlin in the morning. The usual swap meet followed the parade and one of the most unbelievable finds of the day was made by Rick Cove who purchased a solid tyred wheel to fit his WW1 Albion truck.

On another front, it is interesting chatting to people about militaria in Australia. A friend recently imported a DUKW from America only to find you now need a military vehicle import permit on top of the usual vehicle import permit. Yet another layer of bureaucracy to foil attempts to import 'green stuff' into this Australia. And his DUKW cabin was all but destroyed in quarantine when they mistook the old plywood interior for dirt and pressure washed away numerous layers of history. Another enthusiast with a Hummer imported a container of parts and assorted Hummer accessories. At customs, his container was immediately sidelined and every item removed and inspected



Above: An excellent Australian Army Perentie Land Rover. Tony Smith only recently acquired it via an army disposal auction. More of these excellent vehicles will continue to come up for sale. At 3.92 ton, they are not ideal if you live in an apartment with limited space.

Above: A collection of 'green stuff' next to the Murray River at Corowa.





Above: The business end of the searchlight in daylight giving a good view of the carbon rod (horizontal item in the middle) which is consumed during use. The mechanism feeds the rod into the tip. Left: Rick holding the steering/aiming arms of the 90cm searchlight with the 18/24kw generator in the background.

Right: This impeccably restored 1941 Ford C11ADF Station Wagon Heavy was a labour of love for Bob Schutt, having been put together from the remains of five different vehicles.





Above: This 1915 Model T is a replica of a car called 'Bung' which supported the Australian Light Horse at the Charge of Beersheba in Palestine. It is owned by Russ Hughes from Bunyip in Victoria.

on the assumption that, because it was militaria, it would be illegal or restricted or that he would be trying to smuggle in 'bad stuff'. Fortunately, he was aware that this would probably happen and made sure everything was more than above board.

With a total of 206 vehicles including eight GPAs and a Stalwart at Corowa 2014, it was declared another great event. Next year is billed as the year of the emergency vehicle and year of General Motors. Bring it on...

Left: A 90cm searchlight lighting up the night sky. It runs on 75v DC and 150 amps and is powered by a 18/24kw generator which is run by a four-cylinder, 29hp Gardiner high speed diesel.



Above: The business end of the searchlight – the carbon arc that puts out 22 million candlepower.









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In a fabulous collection of archive images and contemporary drawings, The War Archives provides an account of Allied vehicles, aircraft and equipment of D-Day. Here's just a tiny taster from the chapter on D-Day vehicles...

For much of the War, Germany was desperately short of trucks and other motor vehicles, having to make do with large numbers of impressed or captured vehicles, or otherwise unsuitable civilian machines. For the Allies, it was a somewhat different story. The USA, alone, manufactured more than three million soft-skin motor vehicles during the period 1939-45, whilst 680,000 trucks, vans and cars were produced for military use in Britain... and Canada managed a total of more than 810,000. By contrast, the German motor industry produced less than half a million transport vehicles.



For the Allies, cargo trucks were landed from D-Day onwards, and formed a vital component of the successful advance across Europe, carrying men, fuel, ammunition and thousands of tons of stores. For example, the famed American 'Red Ball Express' convoys ran 24 hours a day between August and November 1944, with some 10,000 trucks carrying a total of more than 400,000 tons of supplies to support the US First and Third Armies in the push across France and towards Germany.

The smallest American military truck of the period was the ubiquitous Jeep, a guarter-ton reconnaissance and cargo vehicle that had been put into production in 1941 by both Ford and Willys-Overland. The larger of the US Army's basic tactical vehicles covered the weight range 0.75 ton through to 12 tons, virtually all of which were furnished with all-wheel drive and with at least some degree of standardisation in the use of power units and electrical items. Notable types included the 0.75-ton 4x4 Dodge WC series, the 2.5-ton 6x6 GMC, and the 4- and 5-ton tractors designed for use with semi-trailers. Alongside the standard cargo trucks, there were also specialised vehicles such as ambulances, communications (radio) vehicles, wreckers,

Above: The Austin K2/Y was the largest Allied ambulance of World War II and was used by all of the British services as well as being supplied to the US Army and the Soviet Red Army. More than 13,000 were constructed, with a small number equipped for use as a mobile office or loudspeaker van. (Warehouse Collection) Below: AEC's diesel-engined Model 0.853 (and petrol-engined Model 853) Matador was one of the best British trucks of the period. Introduced in 1938, a total of more than 9000 examples had been built by the time production ended in 1945; the majority were equipped as medium artillery tractors. The photograph shows a pair of Matadors, each with a Caterpillar 'dozer load, taking part in the victory parade held in London on 8 June 1946. (Warehouse Collection)





Above: In the centre of this photograph, taken during a Channel crossing, is a 3-ton 4x4 Bedford QLR signals truck, surrounded by Jeeps and other vehicles. All are well loaded with supplies and equipment; note that the Jeep on the right has had a trailer loaded on top of it. (Warehouse Collection) Left: Following VE-Day in May 1945, vast amounts of military equipment and supplies were suddenly considered to be surplus to requirements. Many vehicles were loaned or gifted to the armies of the newly-liberated European nations, but thousands were also put up for sale to civilians. Here, a trio of very tired-looking Bedford QLR signals trucks await disposal. (Warehouse Collection)

tank transporters, artillery tractors, and amphibious machines.

For the British Army, domestic cargo trucks were produced in weight classes 8cwt, 15cwt, 1.5 tons, 3 tons, 6 tons and 10 tons,

Right: Based on the iconic GMC 2.5-ton 6x6 truck, the DUKW was the most successful amphibious vehicle of the period and, perhaps, of all time. The photograph, taken on 22 June 1944, shows British Army DUKWs in Normandy. (Warehouse Collection) Below: Thousands of Canadian Military Pattern (CMP) trucks were produced to a common design, and with a range of bodies, by the Ford Motor Company of Canada and General Motors Products of Canada across the weight range 8cwt to 3-tons, and with 4x2, 4x4, 6x4 and 6x6 drive-lines. The photograph shows the 4x4 Ford 15cwt truck designated F15A, fitted with a general-service (GS) steel body. (Warehouse Collection)





Above: Motorcycles were widely used during World War II for convoy escort work, military police and despatch riders. The photograph shows a line-up of British trainee military policemen, with the rider nearest the camera seated on a 500cc single-cylinder BSA M20. Introduced in 1939, and remaining in production until 1947, some 125,000 examples of the M20 were constructed during the war years. (Warehouse Collection)



Above: Based on the agricultural tractor that David Brown had introduced in 1939, and which was later designated VAK-1, the David Brown VIG-1/100 entered service with the RAF as a light aircraft tractor in 1941. The VIG-1 was perfectly capable of providing a drawbar pull of 2,500 lb (1,136kg) and, in its later VIG-1/462 configuration, a torque convertor was used to replace the clutch, giving a smoother take-off under heavy loads. There was a 5-ton chain-driven winch at the rear. Total production amounted to around 1,350 vehicles.



Above: General de Gaulle photographed riding in a British Army Jeep near Ouistreham on 14 June 1944. This was de Gaulle's first time back on French soil since 1940. (Warehouse Collection)





some with all-wheel drive, but with very little standardisation of components. However, the urgency of resupplying the British Army following the evacuation from Dunkirk meant that there were also plenty of American-built machines in use, including the Jeep, the 0.75-ton Dodge, the Diamond T 12-ton tank transporter, and the amphibious DUKW.

The Canadian motor industry achieved the greatest degree of standardisation of trucks during the conflict, with the so-called Canadian Military Pattern (CMP) vehicles. Manufactured by both Chevrolet and Ford to a near identical design, and powered by either a Ford side-valve V8 engine or a Chevrolet 'Stovebolt six', the trucks were produced in a range of weight classes from 8cwt to 3 tons, mostly with both rear-wheel drive and all-wheel drive variants available.

There is little doubt that trucks played a significant role in the Allied success... General Eisenhower himself was on record saying 'the great mobility provided by the vehicular equipment of the Army enabled us to strike at any chosen point along a front of hundreds of miles.' Above: The Dodge weapons carrier was also used as the basis for the 37mm gun motor carriage (WC55). This example also has a pedestalmounted 0.50in heavy machine gun on the front bumper for anti-aircraft defence; the gunner's curious stance is probably just for the sake of the camera. (Warehouse Collection) Left: Constructed by Pacific Car & Foundry, and powered by a mighty six-cylinder Hall & Scott petrol engine of 7,210cc, the chain-driven M26 was a 12-ton armoured tractor designed for use in conjunction with the Fruehauf M15 or M15A1 40-ton semi-trailer as a tank transporter; there was also a soft-skin version designated M26A1. The M26 was probably the largest Allied truck of World War II. (Warehouse Collection)

Right: The smallest Allied motorcycle of World War II was the tiny Excelsior Welbike. Powered by a 98cc single-cylinder Villiers engine, the Welbike was designed to accompany parachute troops by being air-dropped in a special container; it could also be carried on the back of a tank. In order to fit the motorcycle into the container, the handlebars were folded back across the petrol tank and the saddle was pushed down to the bottom of its tube. A total of 3,840 examples were built. (Warehouse Collection)



Right: The DUKW proved invaluable for carrying stores and equipment from ship to shore. Other proposed uses, included coupling vehicles end-toend to act as a floating pontoon, as seen here, coupled side-by-side to provide a ferry for aircraft or armoured vehicles, and as an assault vehicle equipped with telescopic ladders. (Warehouse Collection)







Above: With a design that could be traced back to the late 1920s, the Scammell Pioneer was decidedly old-fashioned even in 1939, and lacked niceties such as front-wheel brakes and all-wheel drive. Nevertheless, in its R100 heavy artillery tractor form the truck remained in production until 1945 with a total of 786 produced... the truck even saw some service in the post-war years. (Warehouse Collection)

Above: Whilst senior British officers often rode in Humber Pullman and Snipe saloons, junior ranks had to make do with more modest 8HP, 10HP and 14HP saloon cars from the likes of Austin, Hillman, Morris, and Vauxhall, with most being nothing more than militarised versions of pre-war civilian cars. The photograph shows a Hillman 14HP that has been in service with the US Army. (Warehouse Collection) Below: The Harley-Davidson Model WLA was powerd by a 737cc V2 side-valve engine driving the rear wheel through a three-speed transmission and open chain. The photograph, showing a soldier of the US Army 315th Engineer Battalion, 90th Infantry Division, was taken in Germany in December 1944. (Warehouse Collection)







Above: US Army Ward LaFrance or Kenworth M1A1 6-ton heavy wrecker. Powered by a Continental 22R six-cylinder engine with a capacity of 8,210cc, the M1A1 heavy wrecker was introduced in 1943 to replace earlier vehicles. Production continued until 1945, with 840 built by Kenworth, and 4,925 by Ward LaFrance. (Warehouse Collection)

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MILITARY-VEHICLE EVENTS

July

THE WAR AND PEACE REVIVAL Date: Wed/Sun 16-20 Jul 2014

Location: Folkestone Racecourse, Stone St, Westenhanger, nr Hythe, Kent CT21 4HX Contact: 01304 813945, 01304 813337; www.thewarandpeacerevival.co.uk

WOODHALL SPA FORTIES FESTIVAL

Date: Sat/Sun 19-20 Jul 2014 Location: Jubilee Park, Stixwold Rd, Woodhall Spa, Lincs, IN10 60H Contact: Stuart Holmes, 01526 353215; www.woodhall-spa-40s-festival.com

ACKWORTH STEAM BALLY

Date: Sat/Sun 19-20 Jul 2014 Location: Ackworth Water Tower, A628 Ackworth Rd, nr Pontefract. W Yorks Contact: 07816 018291, 01977 617327

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August

THE YESTERYEAR FESTIVAL Date: Sat/Sun 2-3 Aug 2014 Location: Collop Gate Farm, Manchester Road, Heywood, 0L10 2PX Contact: Alison McGuigan, 07850 850214: alisonmcquigan@hotmail.co.uk

MILITARY & FLYING MACHINES

Date: Sat/Sun 2-3 August 2014 Location: Damyns Hall Aerodrome, Avely Road, Upminster, Essex **RM14 2TN** Contact: Barry Smith, 07934 402764; www.militaryandflyingmachines.org.uk

YANKS ARE BACK IN SADDLEWORTH

Date: Fri/Sun 8-10 August 2014 Location: Saddleworth, School Uppermill, OL3 6BU Contact: Paul (Dogtags), 07709 052501; www.ww2events.co.uk

NORFOLK TANK MUSEUM MV WEEKEND

Date: Sat/Sun 16-17 Aug 2014 Location: Norfolk Tank Museum, Station Road, Forncett St Peter, Norwich, Norfolk, NR16 1HZ Contact: Stephen Machaye, 01508 532650, info@norfolktankmuseum.co.uk; www.norfolktankmuseum.co.uk

COMBINED OPS – IMPS MILITARY & AIR SHOW

Date: Sat/Sun 16-17 Aug 2014 Location: Headcorn Aerodrome, near Maidstone, Kent Contact: Malcolm Dunlop, 01303 267271, 07780 993018: www.combinedops.co.uk

WINGS & WHEELS

Date: Sat/Sun 23-24 Aug 2014 Location: Dunkeswell Airfield, Dunkeswell, nr Honiton, Devon Contact: Dave Bunney, 01404 890174

TANKS, TRUCKS AND FIREPOWER

Date: Sat/Mon 23-25 Aug 2014 Location: A426 Dunchurch, nr Rugby CV22 6NR Contact: 07803 080028 or 07885 115341; www.tankstrucksandfirepower.co.uk

CORNWALL AREA MVT MOUNT EDGCUMBE AT WAR

Date: Sat/Mon 23-25 August 2014 Location: Mount Edgcumbe Estate, Cornwall Contact: Gwen Jenkings, 01872 561653; vww.cornwallmvt.co.uk

NEMVC's 41st ANNUAL DLI SHOW

Date: Sat/Mon 23-25 August 2014 Location: Durham Light Infantry Museum, Durham Contact: Steve Driver, 07760 227504; www.nemvc.org.uk

RAUCEBY WAR WEEKEND

Date: Sat/Mon 23-25 Aug 2014 Location: South Rauceby, nr Sleaford, Lincs NG34 8PT Contact: William Elkington, 01529 488354 or 07713074418; www.raucebywarweekend.co.uk

MILITARY ODYSSEY

Date: Sat/Mon 23-25 Aug 2014 Location: Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone Contact: James Aslett, 07595 511981; www.military-odyssey.com

Tanks, Trucks & Firepower show

Date: Sat/Mon 23-25 Aug 2014 Location: Off A426, one mile from Dunchurch, Warwickshire Contact: www.tankstrucksandfirepower.co.uk, cvrtandrew@hotmail.co.uk

ECHOES OF THE PAST VINTAGE WEEKEND

Date: Sat/Sun 30-31 Aug 2014 Location: Rougham Control Tower Museum, Rougham Industrial Estate, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP30 9XA Contact: Shirley, 07976 670679, roughamcontroltowermuseum@gmail.com; www.rougham.org

September

TANKS IN TOWN Date: Fri/Sun 5-7 Sep 2014 Location: Mons, Belgium Contact: www.tanksintown.be

THE VICTORY SHOW

Date: Fri/Sun 5-7 Sep 2014 Location: Foxlands Farm, Cosby, Leicestershire, LE9 1SG Contact: 07711 430472; www.thevictoryshow.co.uk

Project70 – XXX Corps run to Arnhem

Date: Sun/Mon 14-22 Sept 2014 Location: Arnhem Contact: Martin Wright 07781 129500, http://xxxcorps.wix.com/operation70

October

WARTIME WEEKEND AT PICKERING Date: Fri/Sun 10-12 Oct 2014 Location: Pickering, N Yorks Contact: www.nymr.co.uk, www.jeepworld.co.uk/pickeringwartimeweekend.htm, www.pickering-warweekend.co.uk

November

NORTHERN MILITARY EXPO & 4x4 SHOW Date: Sun 2 Nov 2014

Location: Newark County Showground, Notts Contact: Mark Askew, 01302 739000; www.northernmilitaryexpo.co.uk

BROOKLANDS MILITARY VEHICLE DAY

Date: Sun 16 Nov 2014 Location: Brooklands Museum, Brooklands Road, Weybridge, KT13 0QN Contact: 01932 857381; www.brooklandsmuseum.com

MILITARIA EVENTS, AUCTIONS, ETC Government surplus sales Witham Specialist Vehicles

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FORTHCOMING WILLTARIA EVENTS 2014 August

CHATHAM FAIR Date: Sun 10 Aug 2014 Location: Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TZ Contact: www.chathammilitariafairs.co.uk

DALLAS DIG OUT

Date: Sun 10 August 2014 Location: Dallas Autos, Cold Ash Farm, Long Lane, Hermitage, Newbury RG18 9LT Contact: Liz, 01635 201124

September

CHÁTHAM FAIR Date: Sun 14 Sep 2014 Location: Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TZ Contact: www.chathammilitariafairs.co.uk

CHELMSFORD MILITARIA FAIR

Date: Sun 21 Sep 2014 Location: Marconi Social Club, Beehive Lane, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 9RX Contact: www.chelmsfordmilitaria.com

October Chatham Fair

Date: Sun 12 Oct 2014 Location: Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TZ Contact: www.chathammilitariafairs.co.uk

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Date: Sun 19 Oct 2014 Location: Marconi Social Club, Beehive Lane, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 9RX Contact: www.chelmsfordmilitaria.com

November NORTHERN MILITARY EXPO Date: Sun 2 Nov 2014 Location: Newark County Showground, NG24 2NY Contact: Jeep Promotions Ltd, 01302 739000; www.northernmilitaryexpo.co.uk

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MALVERN MILITARIA FAIR

Date: Sun 16 Nov 2014 Location: Three Counties Showground, Wye Hall (Brown Gate), Malvern, Worcs Contact: Amanda Lycett, 01743 762266; amanda@jeeparts.co.uk

December

CHELMSFORD MILITARIA FAIR Date: Sun 7 Dec 2014 Location: Marconi Social Club, Beehive Lane, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 9RX

Contact: www.chelmsfordmilitaria.com

CHATHAM FAIR

Date: Sun 14 Dec 2014 Location: Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TZ Contact: www.chathammilitariafairs.co.uk



NEMVC's annual show in Cornwall is a definite 'must go' event in August.



Get down to the Tanks, Trucks & Firepower show organised by the MVT and Alvis Fighting Vehicle Society at Dunchurch on August 23-25.

THE MILITARY-VEHICLE MARKET Compiled by Nigel Hay in collaboration with MILWEB



White Scout Car – uncut, looks viable but it's in need of a very good home.

t's over - everyone is back from Normandy and despite the turgidness of the World Cup, military vehicles are being bought and sold again. By D-day +1, adverts with phrases such as "just back from Normandy" were arriving on Milweb's server and the wartime vehicle market's week-long flat spot over the Normandy period suddenly took an upturn with reports of sales and a healthy and wide selection of vehicles coming onto the market.

Among the returnees was an Austin K6 Gantry Truck at £9400 and a Welbike replica at £4500. This is somewhat less than a genuine Welbike would make in running order. We have also seen a Bedford OY at £9900 and a US Chevrolet 4x4 Cargo at £12,500 they may be smaller than the GMC but nearly always out price them. We think £7000 for a Mk1 Militant seems reasonable, as does £4500 for a DAF YA328 oun tractor.

ON YOUR BIKE

As the price of German wartime motorcycles continues to climb, we are seeing more and more 'repros' like the Russian-built Ural M66 and the Dnepr 650cc which are being dressed to look like the wartime BMW R75. This makes it a useful vehicle for re-enacting, without the expense of the real bike which is rarely under £23,000 now and hits over £45,000 for a really good one. One could also argue that you aren't risking a 70 year old collector's piece in mock battles, where



Welbike replica at £4,500.

a motorcycle is a very vulnerable vehicle with tanks moving around. Also, for film work, it can often be a viable alternative when the script calls for a German bike to be badly damaged or destroyed - as in the recent filming of Fury which comes out in November.

An unusual wartime WLA in multicolour civilian trim, having until recently spent its past as a conversation piece in a pub, came up at £11,000 and could be easily retro restored as an army bike again.

NICE KUBEL

Dutch specialists Airborne Garage offered an 'as good as it gets' Kubelwagen with the early pre-1943 wartime 6v 985cc engine - for a sum that "prospective buyers will understand" - making it a vehicle for the purists and serious aficionados of German vehicles

Our highest priced Jeep at £24,000 was understandably very tidy having undergone a three-year nut and bolt restoration. Unmarked and unaccessorised it offered a blank canvas to its new owner - reminding us that too many accessories and features can actually devalue a vehicle if you aren't careful. For example, not everyone wants a Varga girl painted on the bonnet which will make some potential buyers think "needs a respray..." Our advice is think before you daub!

British armour creeps up and up with an exceptional Humber MkII Scout car from a US-based



Project Bren carrier at £12,400 for a committed restorer is a good investment.



Above: Pristine Kubelwagen for the purist, the latest from Airborne Garage.

seller at £75,000 and an entry level Mk1 Bren gun carrier project needing a full restoration for £12,400. Bren carriers can sell for as much as £70,000 at the moment so it looks a good investment if you want to do some work. Just outside Calais is an up and running Sexton from Lys Tout Terrain for £90,000. The Sexton is, of course, the family friendly version of a Sherman with the same running gear and radial engine, but its turretless open hull makes it a vehicle to share with others.

FILM STAR BDRM

Having just returned from its job at the Cannes Film Festival parading the cast of the next Expendables movie, a BDRM2 was offered by Tanks For Sale at a reasonable £9750. While every vehicle seems to have a claim to fame, this really did carry Messrs Schwarzenegger, Stratham, Willis, Ford, Stallone and other Hollywood muscle through the crowds at Cannes. The new genre of celebrity armour has been launched...

Sometimes vehicles just drop out of fashion - this seems to have happened to the Studebaker Weasel for no apparent reason. It's this season's tracked vehicle that nobody seems to want. At least six are on the market at the moment and they just aren't selling. All are runners and priced between £11,000 and £20,000 so it doesn't seem price is an issue for these normally popular vehicles.

As you open your latest CMV, the War and Peace Revival will be opening its gates for the second time at Folkestone and Milweb is delighted to be once again awarding a trophy for The Outstanding Vehicle at the world's biggest and most important military vehicle show. We will be prowling the vehicle displays looking for a worthy winner. In 2013 it was Rick Wedlock's Cromwell - but you will have to wait until next time to find out who won this year. Have a great show - both CMV's new editor lan Cushway and I hope to see you there!



Tidy Ural M66 made to look like a BMW R75 for the re-enactor market.

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