



Queen's Own West Kent Yeomanry

KCLY

Existing from 1917 In various guises of horsed cavalry and latterly an artillery regiment.

In 1961 the 3rd/4th CLY and 297th (Kent Yeomanry) LAA Regiment RA amalgamated to form the Kent and County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters) reconnaissance regiment.

Regimental Headquarters moved to Bromley and the squadron locations were:

A Squadron - Canterbury and Maidstone

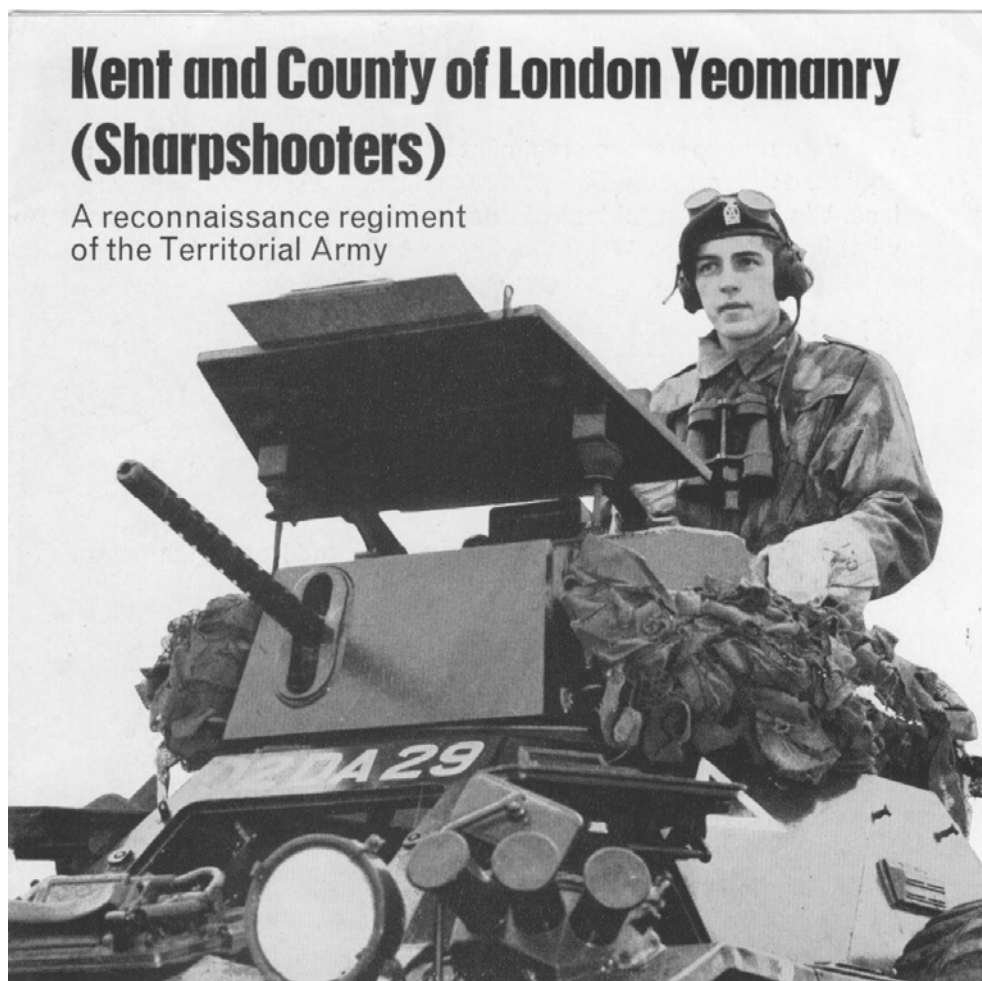
B Squadron - Croydon

C Squadron - Regent's Park



The Regiment continued its role as a divisional reconnaissance regiment for 44th (Home Counties) Division, now equipped with Ferret scout cars and Land Rovers. The Regiment in this form served for only six years. Its most memorable moment was on 17th July 1963, when HRH Princess Alexandra presented the Regiment with its Guidon.

Six years later the Kent and County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters) was reduced to squadron strength to form C Squadron of the Royal Yeomanry.





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Description: Ferret scout car 02DA21 on a training exercise, Trooper R Potts is standing with the map board (top photo)



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Circa mid 1960's



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Description: Ferret scout car 02DA21 with Cpl Mayes reading the map.
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Description: Ferret scout car 02DA29 & 02DA21.
Circa mid 1960's



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Royal Gloucestershire Hussars

RGH

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Lothian and Border Horse

LBH

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The Lothian and Border Horse Yeomanry was part of the Royal Armoured Corps during the Second World War. The 1st Regiment served in France, Normandy, Holland and Germany. The 2nd Regiment served in the Western Desert and Italy

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Fife and Forfar Yeomanry

FFY

The Fife & Forfar Yeomanry was a Yeomanry Squadron of the Queen's Own Yeomanry part of the British Territorial Army.

Original 1st F&Fy were in 51st Highland Division from September 1939 to June 1940 when they went into the bag at St Valery.

Reformed in the UK and from December 1940 to July 1944 they were in 28th Armoured Brigade, 9th Armoured Division in the UK (disbanded August 1944) from October 1944 to November 1944 they were Divisional Troops in 79th Armoured Division then from November 1944 to June 1945 the 1st F&FY were in 31st Armoured Brigade, 79th Armoured Division.

Some time in spring 1945 they were transferred to 22 Armd Bdgade, 5th Armoured Div, 20th RTR and equipped with the first Comet tanks and Dingo's.

People in story: Eric Annable and Titch Burbridge

Location of story: Newcastle upon Tyne and Germany



During the war we had one of the most easy going sergeant majors we used to call him 'Titch' Burbridge. He was about five feet tall. When I first joined the First Fife and Forfar Yeomanry just outside Newcastle upon Tyne, I stood to attention when I met him and he said "is the colonel about?" I answered "no" and he said "well stop frightening people by standing to attention, you only do that when officers are about". We had to be clean and smart but not to the extent of unnecessary spit and polish.

When we were in Germany, Titch Burbridge often used to be put on guard duty, which entailed patrolling around the tanks and the area where we were, in case the enemy came. If any one came we would challenge them by saying "halt who goes there", they would then reply with a password and we would give a follow up password to confirm.

One night he got practically the whole squadron on guard duty (about 100 men). They had checked on the map and the enemy paratroopers had been spotted landing on the edge of the map. He came up to us in one of the guard room houses and had to shout and tell us to shut up as the room was full of about 40 men and they were all talking at the same time, he said "if the enemy come anywhere nearer they will be frightened off by the noise you are making"

And it was not until the next morning they found out that they had got the wrong map.

The guard room was one of a series of semi-detached houses that had been vacated by the German civilians. We men lodged in the other ones, one tank crew to each house. Between each house there were cesspits, an American crew in the next street reversed in between two of these houses and the tank fell straight into the cesspit. They decided to leave it there as no crew members wanted to go with the tank after that. The poor driver who had fallen in with it was wet through and smelled terribly. After the war finished we were in Rheine in Germany and I was asked if I would put on my best uniform and be on duty at the squadron office. I would go there at about 8am until about 6pm and go for my meals as and when I wanted. It was all very casual.

The sergeant Major came to the office in his Scout Car (an armour plated four wheel drive reconnaissance vehicle) and laughed at me because I was on guard duty yet again. He went in the office and came out, shook hands with me and said "is there anything you want to say to me before I go because I have been demobbed", so I stuck two fingers up to him, (all in good fun of course) and said a few things that all soldiers wished to say to their sergeant major. He just laughed stuck two fingers up to me and left.

In the office there was a young lance corporal who had just been made up and he said "I heard that and I am going to report you" - and he did....

I could hear him getting a telling off from the office for telling tales and he came out with his tale between his legs.

The regiment split up shortly afterwards.



Westminster Dragoons WD

This famous Yeomanry regiment can trace its history back to the Boer War. It was raised in 1901 and formed a part of the Imperial Yeomanry Brigade in South Africa.

The Westminster Dragoons spent most of the First World War as cavalry in the Middle East but in 1918 became 104 Battalion (Westminster Dragoons) Machine Gun Corps and ended the war on the Western Front



When the British Army was reorganised after the war plans were made to raise eight armoured car companies of the Territorial Army for the Tank Corps. The 22nd Armoured Car Company was the Westminster Dragoons.

For a while, following the outbreak of World War Two it was an Officer Cadet Training Unit but subsequently operated tanks in 42nd Armoured Division before being incorporated into 79th Armoured Division and trained on mine-clearing Flail tanks. The Germans planted over four million mines along the French coast to hinder the Allied landings in 1944.

To break through these defences at the start of the Normandy Invasion the British produced a number of novel armoured fighting vehicles under the ingenious direction of Major General Percy Hobart, including the Sherman Crab. The Crab bore a rotating drum with dozens of chains attached; these detonated mines in its path to produce a beaten passage through the thickest of minefields.

The WDs were trained in this vital task, as part of 79th Armoured Division, led by Hobart. They were the first unit ashore on D-Day on Gold Beach in the British sector, clearing paths off the beach and using their tank guns to destroy defences holding up the assault.

They went on to fight across northwest Europe and into Germany



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Photo taken c 1959 shows Daimler Scout Car 04252 of C Squadron Westminster Dragoons. I believe the officer dismounting is Lt. Weir. Note the Bren gun mounted through the front port.



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Westminster Dragoons – Photo taken on weekend exercise c1962 shows Daimler scout car F64302 / 02 ZS 46 and three Daimler armoured cars. The two leading vehicles are signed as 1 Troop B Squadron.



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This photo was scanned from an old slide and the notes indicate that it was taken in 1959 on an A Squadron exercise in the Wokingham area. However most of the people in this picture are from C Squadron. Daimler scout car F266891 / 04 ZS22



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This picture was probably taken at Lulworth in 1961 shortly before amalgamation with the Berkshire Yeomanry as W.Dgns cap badges are being worn. The driver, sitting on the turret, is Cpl. Dave Williams.



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Photo shows Daimler Scout Car 17ZS15 with Cpl Wall of C Squadron shaving, Cranborne Chase 1959. This picture is a good illustration of the low profile of the Dingo.



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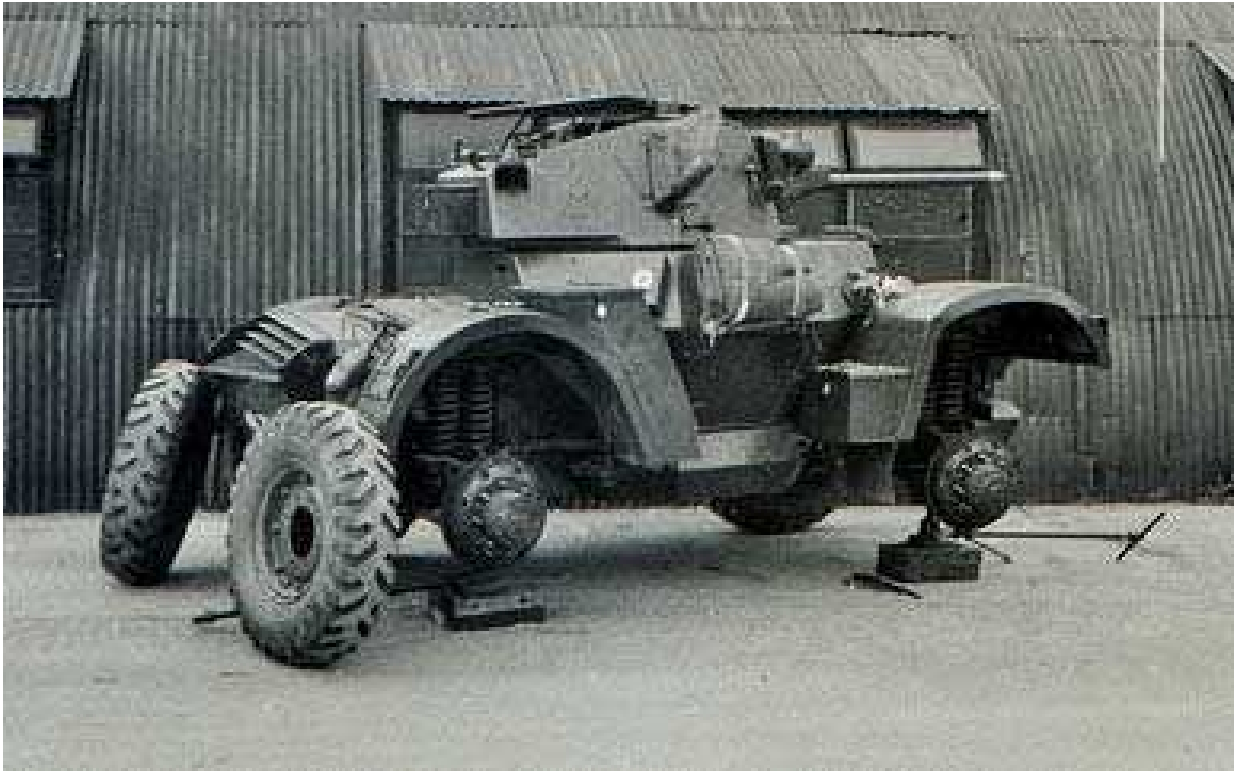


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Daimler Armoured Car receiving REME attention, Castlemartin 1959



Image Courtesy of DH Wright & Flickr.com
Photo taken c 1960 shows DAC F207930 38ZUS2 of C Squadron Westminster Dragoons on a weekend exercise.



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Photo taken on a C Squadron weekend shows a Daimler Armoured Car being recovered by the REME LAD Scammell.



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Picture taken at annual camp, Bellerby, North Yorkshire c1960. The bogged DAC was eventually winched out by an AER REME unit sharing the camp that year.



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Photo taken in Cranborne Chase during 1959 annual camp features DAC F208121 80ZR99 with driver, Cpl Barnes.



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Waiting to move. Photo taken c1960 shows vehicles of C Squadron Westminster Dragoons





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Photo shows Daimler Armoured Car of C Squadron Westminster Dragoons engaged in 2pdr gunnery practice on the Lulworth ranges. Picture taken about 1960



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DAC F207850 80ZR37



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The Stag & Hounds Binfield,
Picture taken during a TA exercise in 1959. The Daimler Armoured Car is from C Squadron Westminster
Dragoons

Circa 1959



3rd County of London Yeomanry
4th County of London Yeomanry

3CLY
4CLY

The 3rd/4th County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters) was formed in July 1944 by the amalgamation at Carpiquet Airfield in Normandy of the two existing Sharpshooters' regiments: the 3rd County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters) and 4th County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters). Both of which were veterans of the 8th Army



Amalgamation was necessitated by the shortage of manpower constraining the British Army at that stage of the War, coupled with the losses sustained thus far in the Normandy campaign (including by 4th CLY at the disastrous Battle of Villers-Bocage in June 1944).

The Regiment remained part of the 4th Armoured Brigade (under Brigadier—later Field-Marshal—Mike Carver) for the remainder of the War. The Regiment was awarded 44 battle honours for its service in World War: a total only bettered (within the Royal Armoured Corps) by the 11th Hussars. Disbanded in Germany in 1946, the Regiment reformed as a Territorial Army armoured regiment in 1947. In 1961 the Regiment merged with the Kent Yeomanry to form the Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry



(Photo sourced from Sharpshooter House, Croydon)

3rd CLY (Sharpshooters) training in the Chiddingfold Area, 4.12.1940
With Cruiser tanks and Daimler scout cars
Official War Photograph
3rd County of London Yeomanry 1940



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5th Army, 4th CLY Sherman tanks halted in the town square at Arzano, Italy, 3.10.1943
4th County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters) 1943
Official War Photograph by Sgt Mott



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Lt-Col Peter MacColl MC briefing Officers of the 3rd/4th CLY, from the back of a Daimler Scout Car F340783 during annual camp at East Wretham, 3rd/4th County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters) 1949



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3rd/4th CLY, orders group in front of a Cromwell tank during the Z-reservist camp at Thetford, 1951
Lt-Col Peter MacColl MC. Daimler Scout Car 10 ZS6?



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3rd/4th CLY on a weekend exercise at Long Marston, Bucks, 1955, shortly after conversion to an armoured reconnaissance regiment, Daimler Scout Car F329399 20 ZS 14



(Photo sourced from Sharpshooter House, Croydon)
3rd/4th CLY Camp at Penhale, Cornwall, 1958

Lt Farage and Sgt John Pilka and Sgt May practising the snake patrol with Daimler Scout Car 00 ZS 33
and Austin Champ from regimental photograph album 1956-58
(Divisional marking is for the London Div)



(Photo sourced from Sharpshooter House, Croydon)

A Daimler scout car F206904 04 ZS 40 part of the troop of B Sqn 3rd/4th CLY during annual camp at
Newquay, 1958



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Lt Ronnie Todd-Young, Sgt Easter



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 Dingo F340556 / 09 ZS94 of B Sqn 3rd/4th CLY with Sharpshooters cadets on a weekend at Henley on Thames,
 Cpl Pelling in DSC, Cadet (later SQMS) Skinner sitting in front, Sgt Green by Landrover
 20.7.1958



(Photo sourced from Sharpshooter House, Croydon)
 15th March 1949: The City of London Yeomanry,
 Daimler scout car F351136 parading through the City in front of St Paul's Cathedral.
 Circa 1944



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A Daimler scout car troop of B Sqn 3rd/4th CLY during annual camp at Ollerton, 1959
Lt Ronnie Todd-Young, LCpl Labrum, Tpr Codrington



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Northampton Yeomanry

NY

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The book 'Tanks' detailing the war time history of the Northampton Yeomanry details the use of scout cars but makes no positive identification of the type....further research is required.



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East Riding regiment

ERY

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Royal Devon Yeomanry

RDY

At the outbreak of the Second World War the regiment was divided to form the 96 Field Regt and the 142 Field Regt RA; the latter fought in Italy, taking part in most of the major actions of that campaign including the landings in Sicily and Anzio and the battle for Monte Cassino.

Throughout the campaign the regiment was armed with self-propelled guns. For its support to the Canadian Division it was awarded the right to wear the Maple Leaf of Canada. The 96 Regt fought in the Far East where it was disbanded in 1943.

Post war the regiment survived until 1967 when it was amalgamated with the 4th Devon's to become the Devonshire Territorials (Royal Devon Yeomanry/ First Rifle Volunteers) RAC, **This regiment was issued with Daimler Scout cars**

However this ill-fated regiment was destined to last only two years and throughout that time was kept very short of equipment and training time.

This regiment was disbanded in 1969 due to yet another major reorganization of the Territorial regiments as a result of government policy.

