



The Daimler Fighting Vehicles on Film

The Daimler scout car and Armoured cars have been featured in many films, and television shows and have portrayed vehicles used by both allied and axis powers. They have also been used in bank robberies.

Below is a list of features with a simple review of the details, often the cars are only shown in ancillary roles but in some cases they are central to the plot lines and the films recommended for purchase.

Film – Privates on parade 1982

EXPAND AS DETAILS CAN BE FOUND

The members of SADUSEA (Song And Dance Unit South East Asia) fall in and out of love while trying to dodge Malayan Communist bullets in the late 1940s.

It is set in a British military concert party stationed in Singapore and Malaysia during the Malayan Emergency.

No rating available.



This car is known to still exist and is in the hands of Danny Bosma founder of the 'Dingo Register'



Film – The Way Ahead 1944

At the outset of World War II, a disparate group of civilians undergo basic training and prepare to fight - and die - for their country.

The recruits include men from all classes, education and professions. At first, they object to their regimented lifestyle and resent the constant supervision of their training sergeant. Gradually, they learn their new skills and develop pride in what they are doing. Destined to be part of the invasion of French North Africa.

About ¾ way through the film they are sailing into the Mediterranean when the ship they are on is torpedoed. They then have to lose the cargo of Bren gun carriers and Dingo's over the side to save the ship. You will be glad to know however that the cars that are pitched into the sea are obviously wooden mock-ups. (being filmed during the war, the real thing would have been too valuable)

When they get to North Africa another real car is seen driving past, and they take orders from an officer in a car with a partially readable number.

I would rate it 6/10, an interesting and entertaining film.





Film – They were not divided

Based upon the true story of the Welsh Guards Armoured from the D Day invasion to Germany. The story is very watchable and there is a lot of period and late 40's footage of Valentine & Sherman tanks and other period vehicles. At least three Daimler scout cars are used in this film and they are often shown as part of the main action. But sadly only one has an identifiable number. I would rate it 8/10 and say it's worth getting hold of a copy.



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Film – A Bridge Too Far 1977

This WWII film follows the perspectives of American, Polish and British soldiers attempting to capture key bridges behind German lines in a complicated parachute and armoured assault named Operation Market Garden. A failed attempt by the allies in the latter stages of WWII to end the war quickly by securing three bridges in Holland allowing access over the Rhine into Germany.

The film is one of the better documentary style war films that tried to show the correct uniforms, vehicles etc and is based upon the factually researched book of the same name by Cornelius Ryan. Keep a look out for 'Lotty the Para Chicken' the only known fully qualified para-trooping chicken who took part in Operation Garden (see the book for full details)
I would rate it 9/10 and say its worth getting hold of a copy





Film – O Lucky Man 1973

This sprawling, surrealist musical serves as an allegory for the pitfalls of capitalism, as it follows the adventures of a young coffee salesman in Europe. Many actors play multiple roles, giving the film a stagy tone

No rating available.





TV Series – Air wolf

Airwolf is an American television series that ran from 1984 through 1987.

The program concerned a supersonic military helicopter, code named Airwolf, and her crew as they undertook various missions, many involving espionage, with a Cold War theme. **No rating available.**



Film - Eye of the needle 1981

WWII German superspy, the Needle, who gravitates towards murder using his trusty switchblade, discovers vital evidence about the Allies D-Day invasion. He makes for the Scottish coast to escape on a U-Boat when his small boat is shipwrecked before being picked up and the Needle is washed ashore. He is saved by a man destined to never enter the war and his wife and child. The Needle quickly falls in love with the woman and both must decide between their love or country.

No rating available.





Film - If 1968

In an indictment of the British Boys School, we follow Mick and his mostly younger friends through a series of indignities and occasionally abuse as any fond feelings toward these schools are destroyed. When Mick and his friends rebel, violently, the catch phrase, "which side would you be on" becomes quite stark. **No rating available.**





Film – The Dirty Dozen 1968

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An Army Major who likes to butt heads with his superiors, is being "given" a new assignment, to train 12 men who are either sentenced to death or life imprisonment, to go behind enemy lines raid a chateau that the Germans are using as an R&R center and kill as many enemy officers as they can and disrupt the German chain of command.

Now he not only has to train them; he has to get them to start acting like a unit. And when a Colonel whom the Major has been having the most trouble with reports to the General that his unit is not working out, the Major asks the General to try them out by having them participate in a war game. If they don't succeed they will be sent back to prison to face their sentence.

No rating available.





Film - they who dare 1954

In Greece during the war a small group of British commandoes and patriots land on an island with orders to attack two airfields from which the Luftwaffe is threatening allied forces in Egypt. The island is crawling with troops, and even moving by night the men soon run into trouble.

No rating available.





Film – How I Won the war 1967

This film features former Beatle John Lennon as ill-fated enlisted man in under the inept command of Lieutenant Earnest Goodbody.

The story unwinds mostly in flashbacks of Lieutenant Goodbody who has lower-class beginnings and education which make him a poor officer who commands one of the worst units of the army

No rating available.





Movie made for TV. The Day of the Triffids, 1981

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A shower of meteorites produces a glow that blinds anyone that looks at it. As it was such a beautiful sight, most people were watching, and as a consequence, 99% of the population go blind.

This chaos results in the escape of some Triffids: experimental plants that are capable of moving themselves around and attacking people.

No rating available.



if im not mistaken this is the car that is now in the care of the Muckleburgh Collection



Gorgo - If 1961

Gorgo is a 1961 British science fiction variation on Godzilla (with hints of King Kong). Directed by Eugène Lourié, it tells the story of an underwater monster's capture off the coast of Ireland.

The monster is taken to London to be featured as a circus attraction

Neither Bombs, Bullets, Jets, Rockets or Daimler Armoured Cars Can Stop Gorgo

No rating available.



a clearly numbered DAC 78ZR47,





Film –Billy Liar 1963

A young British clerk in a gloomy North Country undertaker's office, Billy is bombarded daily by the propaganda of the media that all things are for the asking. This transparently false doctrine, coupled with the humdrum job and his wild imagination, lead him on frequent flights to "Ambrosia," a mythical kingdom where he is crowned king, general, lover or any idealized hero the real situation of the moment makes him desire.

No rating available.



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Film – **Lilly Marlene** 1950

The picture is set in North Africa before El Alamein when the British and German armies moved backwards and forwards across the same territory on several occasions.

The story is partially narrated by an American radio man who keeps the story moving.

Anyway when the Germans retake the "pub" in which so much of the action takes place they find on interrogating the staff that the daughter of the house is called Lilly Marlene and is none other than the original on whom the song is based.

This seems like a big coup for the Nazis until they find she is a very patriotic French woman who refuses to sing the song in German until her parents are threatened.

The Brits retake the place and Lilly is momentarily saved but there are still hidden dangers.

A Dingo was seen right at the beginning of the film in a small convoy and then at about 40 minutes in. In this sequence it comes to a halt and the Commander stood up and opened the small hatch above the Bren and lifted the gun out, promptly shooting several Nazi parachutists.

The number of the vehicle is possibly F47681.

I would rate it 4/10





TV Documentary – The World at War

In an indictment of the British Boys School, we follow Mick and his mostly younger friends through a series of events leading up to it and following in its wake. The World at War is a 26-episode television documentary series on World War II, including the events leading up to it and following in its wake. The series was produced by Jeremy Isaacs for Thames Television (UK). Commissioned in 1969, it took four years to produce, such was the depth of its research.....

EXPAND AS DETAILS CAN BE FOUND No rating available.





Black Book 2006

The story is about a young Jewish woman in the Netherlands who becomes a spy for the resistance during World War II, when tragedy befalls her after an encounter with the Nazis

Its an enjoyable film but you will need to be very sharp to spot the passing car that looks like a Dingo but is in fact a Ford Lynx.

I would rate it 6/10 for entertainment value alone

