



The 21st army group, First Canadian army & 2nd British Army in Northern Europe 1944-1945

Subsequent to Operation Overlord (the D-Day invasions) they were used by the 21st Army Group in most operations through to the final occupation of Germany.

The following formations of the Second British Army are known or are likely to have used Dingo's during the Liberation of Europe:

I Corps comprising:
Inns of Court Regiment (from August 1944)

II Canadian Corps –
4 Canadian Armoured Divisions
The 18 Canadian Armoured Car Regiment
Manitoba Dragoons

VIII Corps comprising: (to August 1944)
Guards Armoured Division
11th Armoured Division
The Second Household Cavalry Regiment
11th Armoured Division
The 29th Armoured Brigade
6th Royal Tank Regiment

XII Corps comprising:
7th Armoured Division
22 Armoured Brigade
1st Royal Tank Regiment
1st RTR-Recce Troop
5th Royal Tank Regiment
11th Hussars
8th King's Royal Irish Hussars (Armoured Reconnaissance)
15th Reconnaissance Regiment (RAC) (Dingo's not yet proven)

XXX Corps comprising: (from August 1944)
The 11th Armoured Division
The 29th Armoured Brigade (Dingo's not yet proven)
23 Hussars (Dingo's not yet proven)
The Guards Armoured Division
5th Guards Armoured Brigade
2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards (Dingo's not yet proven)
1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards (Dingo's not yet proven)
2nd Battalion, Irish Guards (Dingo's not yet proven)
1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards (Mechanized) (Dingo's not yet proven)
The Second Household Cavalry Regiment
5th Royal Tank Regiment
1st Royal Dragoons & 1st Queens Dragoon Guards
11 Hussars
II Canadian Corps
18 Canadian Armoured Car Regiment
(Manitoba Dragoons) (not yet proven)



Image courtesy of the IWM film section
Photographer: Unknown

Description: An armoured column passes a Daimler Armoured Car of a Recce unit that lies still smouldering after being knocked out Normandy 1944.



Image courtesy of display at Normandy, unknown source,
found by Simon Hamon

Description: A photo montage displayed in Normandy featuring a Dingo names 'FLASH' and members of the French resistance.



Image courtesy of internet, unknown source

Description: (Reputedly vehicles of the Innes of Court Regiment, this is considered likely as they are known to have removed the turrets of some of the armoured cars, as the car in the foreground has done.)



Image courtesy of source unknown.

Photographer: Unknown

Description: A rare photo of what looks to be Daimler armoured cars but with spare wheels fitted to the rear of the engine compartment, the turret lids with the allied forces stars, and rectangular box at the back of the turret can be clearly observed.

Interestingly the authors Mk1 has substantial old welding marks in the centre of the back plate which may have been for the fitment of the spare wheel. Early cars had no spare wheel fitment as standard so this would presumably have been a field modification.

Date unknown



Image courtesy of unknown source, found by Simon Hamon
Description: Daimler Armoured car travels through Rue Bicoquet. Near Caen, France
Presumably Inns of Court Regiment
Circa July 1944



Image courtesy of the IWM Reference B8147
Photographer: Wilkes (Sgt) No 5 Army Film & Photographic Unit
Description: An ammunition lorry bums after being hit by shellfire, a Daimler armoured car can be seen in the foreground.
26 July 1944.



Image courtesy of British Pathe
Photographer : Unknown

Description: A Daimler armoured Recce car crew are eager to partake in the offer of a drink of Calvados from a French girl.

Presumably Inns of court Regiment
Circa June / July 1944



Image courtesy of the IWM B8147

Photographer : Sgt Laing :War Office official photographer

France An ammunition lorry burns after being hit by shellfire, a Daimler armoured car can be seen in the foreground IWM B8147
26 July 1944



8482

Image courtesy of the IWM B8482

Photographer : Sgt Laing :War Office official photographer

Description: As our tanks advanced towards Vire they discovered many German vehicles. Here a German armoured car is seen blazing after being knocked out
02 August 1944



Image courtesy of display at Normandy,
unknown source, found by Simon Hamon
Description: Reputedly of the Falaise Gap, a dingo or possibly Humber scout car follows the Sherman
Firefly.
Circa 13th August 1944



Image courtesy of the IWM B 9428
NW Europe

Photographer: Sgt Laing :War Office official photographer

Description: Scene on the road Near Ecouche, the roads have been blown up to hinder progress.
Presumably the Innes of Court Regiment
19 August 1944



Image courtesy of the IWM 4700-05 BU 69103 & obtained from internet
Photographer: Unknown

Description: Canadian Daimler and Humber armoured cars in the Belgian-Dutch border town of Putte, during the Anglo-Canadian drive to cut off the German 15th Army on the islands of the Scheldt Estuary, Date:11 Oct 1944



Image courtesy of the IWM film section

Description: An unidentified unit with Daimler scout car F207133 (possibly free Belgium or Dutch forces) in Holland.

Date: 3 September 1944.



Image courtesy of <http://www.beeldbankwo2.nl>

Description: Daimler armoured car probably of the 2 household cavalry regiment passes through crowds during the liberation of Brussels

Date: 3 September 1944.



Image courtesy of <http://www.beeldbankwo2.nl>

Description: English armoured car probably of the 2nd Regiment Household Cavalry advances through Oerle to the west of Eindhoven. Fifth from the left Hans Van Geel.

Date: 17th September 1944.



Image courtesy of Ferdinand, source unknown

Photographer: Unknown

Description: Daimler Armoured cars in Emmasingel, Eindhoven.
The chimneys of the Phillips factories in the background. 18 Sept 1944



Image courtesy of the IWM & obtained from internet
Photographer: Unknown
Description: DAC-Armoured car and trucks passing through Eindhoven
Date 18th September 1944



Image courtesy of Ferdinand, source unknown
Photographer: Unknown

Description: Daimler Armoured car of XXX corps passing through the inner city streets of Endhoven. It is interesting to note that all guns are at max elevation to minimise damage or civilian casualties in the event of accidental misfire. Date 18 Sept 1944



Image courtesy of Ferdinand van den Boomen & Utube
Photographer: Unknown

Description: Daimler scout cars pass (F47562) through the centre of Endhoven with other vehicles of XXX Corps. The next day this area was heavily bombed by the Germans.
Date 18 Sept 1944



Image courtesy of the IWM & Smon Hammon
Photographer: Lawson (Sgt) Army Film & Photographic Unit
Description: 29th Armoured Brigade, 11th Armoured Div in Mierloseweg, Helmond.
22 Sept 1944



Images courtesy of the IWM
DESCRIPTIONS & PHOTOGRAPHER:
B10235, Mapham J (Sgt) No 5 Army Film & Photographic Unit, Daimler armoured car and crews of 1st Troop, 'C' Squadron, 11th Hussars, 22 September 1944



Image courtesy of the IWM Reference B12142

Photographer: Hewitt (Sgt) No 5 Army Film & Photographic Unit
Title: THE BRITISH ARMY IN NORTH-WEST EUROPE 1944-45
Description: Daimler armoured cars and a jeep negotiate a flooded road in Holland,
Date 26 November 1944.



Image courtesy of Ruud Wildekamp & Ferdinand Von Boomen

Photographer: unidentified priest of the monastery of Gemert

Description: - Gemert, the Nederland's. A DAC with little john gun attachment, probably of the 11th armoured-Brigade. Sunday 26 Sept 1944



Image courtesy of Ruud Wildekamp & Ferdinand Von Boomen

Photographer: unidentified priest of the monastery of Gemert

Description: - Gemert, the Nederland's. Miss Betsie Toelen sits on the front tool box of DSC F207098 of the 11th armoured-Brigade Sunday 26 Sept 1944



Image courtesy of Ferdinand Von Boomen
Photographer: unidentified priest of the monastery of Gemert
Description: The Nederland's. A DAC number F206033 proceeds through the town square of Gemert.
Sunday 26 Sept 1944



Image courtesy of British Pathe
Photographer: Unknown
Description: Daimler armoured car in Hertogenbosch, Netherlands
29 October 1944



Image courtesy of the IWM & obtained from internet

Description: Men (of the 9th Battalion DLI) Moving into Echt while prisoners captured look on.

131 Bde 7th Armd Div Echt. Taken by Sgt Smith

A Daimler scout car in Germany Winter 1945, being used to transport up German Prisoners of War. Interestingly the vehicle has been fitted with a 'Tannoy' speaker, which is presumably being used to inform the troops of the towns surrender.

Date: 19 January 1945



Image courtesy of the IWM BU 1943

NW Europe

Photographer : Sgt Wilkes:War Office official photographer

Description:Camouflaged armoured cars of 30 Corps by the side of the roadside at Calcar & Wassel area

21.March.1945



Image courtesy of the IWM BU2268

Photographer: Morris (Sgt) No 5 Army Film & Photographic Unit

Description: Winston Churchill rides in a Daimler armoured car during his tour of the Rhine assault,

(Unidentified divisional markings anyone got any ideas?)

25 March 1945.



Image courtesy of the IWM BU2268

Photographer: Morris (Sgt) No 5 Army Film & Photographic Unit

Description: Winston Churchill rides in a Daimler armoured car during his tour of the Rhine assault,

(Unidentified divisional markings anyone got any ideas?)

25 March 1945.



Image courtesy of the IWM BU2274

Photographer: Morris (Sgt) No 5 Army Film & Photographic Unit

Description: Winston Churchill addressing troops of 3rd Division from a Daimler armoured car during his tour of the Rhine assault, 25 March 1945.



Image courtesy of internet, unknown source

Description: (Reputedly vehicles of the Innes of Court Regiment, due to the size and position of the allied forces star but this has not been verified) Dingo DSC F205767



Image courtesy of internet, unknown source
Description: (Possibly vehicles of 11th Armoured, Field Regiment Royal Artillery if the tac sign is 42.
but this has not been verified)



Image courtesy of display at Normandy, unknown source, found by Simon Hammon

Photographer : Unknown

Description: An unidentified recce patrol consisting of two Dingo's and a turret less Honey tank.

Possibly of the Sherwood Rangers who are known to have removed the turrets of there Stuarts earlier during the North Africa Campaign and then transported then into Europe.



Image courtesy of the Bovington Tank Museum 7277-A4

Photographer: Unknown

Description: Daimler Armoured Car of an infantry Reconnaissance regiment abandoned by the roadside
Circa 1944-45.



Image courtesy of the Bovington Tank Museum 7277-1B

Photographer: Unknown

Description: Daimler Armoured Car of an infantry Reconnaissance regiment abandoned by the roadside
Circa 1944-45.



Image courtesy of the Bovington Tank Museum 4693-B3

Photographer: Unknown

Description: Daimler Armoured Car F19948, the unit marking shows number 47, which is normally associated with Royal Artillery, anti aircraft unit and therefore does not make much sense.

The black rectangular div marking is also presently a mystery. **Can anyone help?**

Circa 1944-45.



Image courtesy of internet, unknown source

Description: The remains of Daimler scout car F329394 lay stripped of all usable parts on the route of advance after Operation Market Garden.

Circa 1944/45



Image courtesy of the Bovington Tank Museum 4775-B2

Photographer: Unknown

Description: Daimler Armoured Car F207923 of XII corps passing through what looks to be a Dutch or German town
Circa 1944-45.



Image courtesy of Trooper Bill Plywell / source unknown.

Photographer: Unknown

Description: Bedford, Staghound and Dingo of the 11th armoured Division advance through Cleve Near the Reichwald Forest
Date circa spring 1945



Image courtesy of Trooper Bill Plywell / source unknown.

Photographer: Unknown

Description: Daimler Armoured Car and Dingo of the 11th armoured Division advances through Cleve Near the Reichswald Forest
Date circa spring 1945



Images courtesy of the IWM BU 5742

Norris (Sgt) No 5 Army Film & Photographic Unit, A Daimler armoured car crew stops for a cup of tea on their way into Denmark, 7th May 1945.



IWM BU 5753,
Norris (Sgt) No 5 Army Film & Photographic Unit,
Civilians ride on a Daimler armoured car of the 1st Royal Dragoons as it enters the town of Hadersleben
in Denmark,
7 May 1945.



Image courtesy of the IWM Reference BU5691

Photographer: Handford (Lt) No 5 Army Film & Photographic Unit

A Daimler scout car crew of 1st Royal Dragoons Guards, XII Corps, is welcomed by Danish civilians in a village just over the border from Germany. Note the rare 'Plexi-glass' screen, the cap badge on the beret looksto be the 11th Hussars

Date: 8 May 1945.



1944

Image courtesy of internet, unknown source

Description: (Possibly vehicles of an Infantry reconnaissance troop due the tac sign No41, unfortunately the divisional sign has been obscured and so the regiment cannot be identified.

It is reported that the picture is available in a book called the 'Fighting Wessex Wyverns' by Patrick Delaforce, and captioned 'Prisoners captured by the 43rd Recce Regiment in Materborn' Circa 1945



Image courtesy of the Internet

Photographer : Not Known

Description: Three Mark one DAC's including cars F19992 & F19987.

Date: Circa 1945



Image courtesy of the IWM BU 4347

NW Europe

Photographer : Sgt Crocker :War Office official photographer

Description:Scenes outside Bremen, many fires were still burning when the troops entered the City.

25 April 1945



Image courtesy of the IWM BU 5229/NW Europe
Photographer : War Office official photographer

Description: After the meeting Gen Admiral Von Freideburg passing through our lines on the way to surrender.

4th May 1945



Image courtesy of the Internet
Photographer : Not Known

Description: Three Mark one DAC's and white scout car.
Date: not known



Image courtesy of the internet
Photographer : Not Known
Description: First British soldiers during World War II to enter Angle Oeffelt, the Nederland's
Circa: September 1944



Image courtesy of Beeldbank
Photographer : Not Known
Description: Photo taken of the British march to U.S bridges.
Date: 19.09.44



Image courtesy of the BeeldBank Collection

Photographer : Not Known

Description: Liberation of Helmond. A British Daimler armoured car, possibly of the Polish Armoured Brigade. The first vehicle of the British army to have entered the village.

In the turret, in addition to two troopers is a member of the Dutch resistance

Circa: September 1944