



## The 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division  
                                 The 29<sup>th</sup> 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 know 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 burns 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 Calvodos from a French girl.

Presumably Inns of court Regiment  
Circa June / July 1944



Image courtesy of the IWM B 8147

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 B 8482

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 Faliase Gap, a dingo or possibly Humber scout car follows the Sherman  
Firefly.  
Circa 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Household Cavalry advances through Oerle to the west of Eindhoven. Fifth from the left Hans Van Geel.

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> September 1944



Image courtesy of Ferdinand, source unknown  
Photographer: Unknown

Description: Daimler Armoured car of XXX corps passing through the inner city streets of Eindhoven. 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 Eindhoven 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 & Simon 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 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion DLI) Moving into Echt while prisoners captured look on.

131 Bde 7<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> armoured Division advances 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 11<sup>th</sup> armoured Division advances through Cleve Near the Reichwald Forrest  
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 looks to 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.

4<sup>th</sup> 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