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Cavalry Of The Line, The Household Cavalry Regiment Germany 1950s

After the end of the Second World War, in September 1945, the 2nd Household Cavalry Regiment, a wartime amalgamation of The Life Guards and Blues, became **Royal Horse Guards (The Blues)** Armoured Car Regiment.

At the same time the **Life Guards Armoured Car Regiment** was formed in Germany in September 1945 from the 1st Household Cavalry Regiment.

1945 - 1952

In 1946 the Life Guards Armoured Car Regiment saw service in the Canal Zone and Cairo. The following year, during the Arab-Jewish conflict in Palestine, they were engaged in internal security duties - returning to England in 1948 via Egypt.

For seven years the Royal Horse Guards Regiment served in Germany patrolling the Iron Curtain. A Squadron of the Regiment served in Berlin during the period of mass demonstrations by the East German Communists

1952-56

This period was spent in England where the Royal Horse Guards Regiment was stationed at Windsor, the traditional home of the Household Cavalry.

The Life Guards Armoured Car Regiment performed Border Patrols on the Iron Curtain in Germany between 1952-53, the Regiment returning to England prior to departing for Egypt in January 1954. While in Egypt the Regiment had elements in Aden and Cyprus, where terrorism had just started.

1956

The Life Guards Armoured Car Regiment returned to England in 1956 but were alerted for the Suez operation in June of that year. The following year the Armoured Car Role was converted to an air-portable one, and The Life Guards became part of the Strategic Reserve

1956 - 1960

Armoured Cars of The Royal Horse Guards patrolled every part of Cyprus during the emergency, 1956-59. Large quantities of terrorist weapons and documents were captured, and escorts found for the governors of Cyprus. Having returned to England, the Regiment found themselves back in Cyprus in 1960 for a short tour of three months.

Action against dissident tribesmen in Aden and Oman was the Life Guards Armoured Car Regiment's task in 1958-59, followed by further service in Germany from 1960-62, and eventual return to England.

1962 - 1968

Germany was again the Royal Horse Guards Regiment's station from 1962-66, returning to England at the end of that time. A Squadron of the Regiment was attached to The Life Guards in Singapore the following year, while The Blues remained part of the Strategic Reserve in England.

Cyprus saw the return of a Royal Horse Guards Blues Squadron for six months in 1967.

In 1964 Life Guards Armoured Car Regiment Squadrons were flown out to Cyprus where Greek-Turkish fighting was going on, and they formed a part of the UN Force
In October 1968 The Life Guards returned from the Far East to Windsor where they became an Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment in 3rd Division.



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Photo Courtesy of Photographer : Mc McNeil
Location: Germany

Description: A shot taken in Europe during the winter of 1944-45 of DAC Cavalier
Winter 1945/46



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Description, The soldier on the left is Danny Roberts, who was probably a Corporal at the time, but subsequently became RQMC (Regimental Quartermaster Corporal) in the Life Guards.
circa 1945



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Photo Courtesy of Photographer : Lance Corporal John (Jack) Clifford
Location: Germany, Goslar.

Description: A Daimler armoured Car of XXX Corps, fitted with the with Littlejohn gun adaptor.
Circa 1948



Photo Courtesy of Photographer: Lance Corporal John (Jack) Clifford
Location: Germany.

Description: Vehicle troop and LAD ready for departure.
Circa 1948



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Photographer M McNeil
Location: Germany, Berlin.

Description, A Troop, Household Cavalry vehicles as part of XXX Corps.
The Daimler armoured cars are ADVOCATE F??7794 and AFRICA STAR
circa 1945-1946



Photo Courtesy of Photographer Mac McNeil
Description, Dingo post war back in the markings of the Life Guards
circa 1945-1946



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Photo Courtesy of Photographer : Lance Corporal John (Jack) Clifford
Location: Germany, Berlin.
Description: A Daimler armoured cars line up on the firing ranges.
Circa 1946



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Photo Courtesy of Photographer : Lance Corporal John (Jack) Clifford
Location: Germany, Berlin, Olympic stadium
Description: Daimler armoured car F19987 named DIPPER, part of the 30 Corp HQ Troop
July 1946



Photo Courtesy of Photographer : Lance Corporal John (Jack) Clifford
Location: Germany, Goslar.
Description: The car crew of Daimler scout F474?? named DUBONNET, of 30 Corp prepare to carryout a tool check. DSC F47884 can be seen in the background.
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Photo Courtesy of Photographer : Tom Matthiass

Location: Germany, Near the Mohne Dam

Description: The car crews of Daimler armoured cars and Dingo's of the Blues and Royals
Circa 1947



Photo Courtesy of Photographer Mac McNeil

Description: Two local (Dutch / German?) children pose on the C troop dingo. Circa 1945-1946



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Photo Courtesy of Photographer 2nd Lieutenant Stuart Ruthven
Description: Car Park Berlin.
Date: Circa 1945-1946



Photo Courtesy of Photographer 2nd Lieutenant Stuart Ruthven
Description: The Sabre Squadron at Marienthal Austria, overnight harbour
Date: Circa 1945-1946



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Description: Crew of a Daimler armoured car prepare to remove the under armour so that maintenance can be carried out. The vehicles are being prepared for disposal and condition classifications are painted onto the front of each car. Circa 1945-1946



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Photo Courtesy of Photographer 2nd Lieutenant Stuart Ruthven
Description: Dingo F340762 Daimler Dingo & Staghound
at Marienthal Austria
Date: Circa 1945-1946



Photo Courtesy of Photographer 2nd Lieutenant Stuart Ruthven
Description: Dingo F340782 at Marienthal Austria, overnight harbour
Date: Circa 1945-1946



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Photo Courtesy of Photographer 2nd Lieutenant Stuart Ruthven
Description: Johns 75mm MkIII Staghound with Crusader type turret
at Marienthal Austria.
Date: Circa 1945-1946



Photo Courtesy of Photographer 2nd Lieutenant Stuart Ruthven
Description: Corporal Pattenden, Trooper Ambler & Trooper Herbert
Berlin.
Date: Circa 1945-1946