



### Cavalry Of The Line 14th/20th King's Hussars

The 14th/20th King's Hussars was a cavalry regiment of the British Army in existence from 1922 to 1992.

Originally styled the 14th/20th Hussars, the regiment was created in 1922 by the amalgamation of the 14th King's Hussars and the 20th Hussars, as part of the reductions in the Army after the First World War. The honorific King's was added back into the title in 1936



The 14th were originally raised as Dormer's Dragoons in 1715 during the First Jacobite Rising. The regiment became light dragoons in 1776 and were designated as hussars in 1861. The 20th were raised as light dragoons in 1759 and became hussars in 1862.

The 14th/20th King's Hussars was founded in 1922 through the amalgamation of the 14th King's Hussars and the 20th Hussars and was renamed the 14/20 Hussars and given the title King's after George VI came to the Throne on the 14th Dec 1936.

On the 16th December 1936 the Regiment was notified that it was to be re-designated as the 14th/20th King's Hussars.

This was achieved by representations being put forward by the Colonel of the Regiment General Sir George Barrow.

The newly founded Regiment had its first tour of active duty in Egypt in 1931 for two years.

The last time the Regiment went out mounted was in Jan 1938, this was on manoeuvres near Lucknow. Without ceremony the Regiment said goodbye to the horses in Aug 1938. Each officer was allowed to keep one horse, a pool was also kept. After this tanks arrived in two and threes (The Vickers light tanks MK2 and the MK6),

On the 31st March 1939 the Regiment was officially recorded as being converted to mechanisation. All ranks were transferred from Cavalry of the Line to the R.A.C at Secunderabad, on the 11th April 1939.

The Regiment served in the Second World War at Bologna, Medicina and Sambre, Italy 1945

### The Post war years.

The Regiment had a short spell on Armoured cars in 1945. In 1946 they arrived in Germany and were issued the Archer tank destroyers within the 53rd (Welsh) Infantry Division. After three years in the United Kingdom the Regiment was sent back to the Desert, Libya, and tanks, firstly on the Comet and then the Centurion Tanks. Three years after that it was to Europe and Münster in Germany, they were the Armoured element of the 20th Armoured Brigade. In 1957 the Regiment was on the move again but the Regiment was split into two with A & C squadrons remaining in Münster on the Saracen, whilst B Squadron moved to Berlin to become the Berlin Armoured Independent Squadron.

In 1962 they returned to Libya once again with Ferret Scout cars, also completing two tours in Cyprus. In 1965 the Regiment moved to Paderborn, Germany. It was here in 1969 that HRH Princess Anne became the Regiment's Colonel-in-Chief.

Again the Regiment was sent all over the globe with tours in 1970-73 for HQ & C in Hong Kong and Cyprus. A Squadron went to Singapore for a short period prior to their early return to the United Kingdom and Tidworth.



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Those Squadrons based in Tidworth were deployed periodically to Northern Ireland. In 1973 the 14th/20th Kings Hussars moved to Herford, B Squadron being the last to arrive when their tour of Hong Kong ended late 1973. 1974 Saw the Regiment return to Northern Ireland.

In 1976 the Regiment returned to the UK including Bovington, Lulworth and Warminster.

The 14th/20th were amalgamated in 1992 with the The Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own) to become The King's Royal Hussars

#### Use of Daimlers

Captain Bryan of REME confirms atht the 14/20<sup>th</sup> Used Dingo's between 1959 1nd 1950 an that these were replaced with humbers



Cavalry Of The Line  
15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars

The 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars was a cavalry regiment of the British Army

It was created as part of the reduction in the cavalry in the aftermath of World War I and was formed by the amalgamation of the 15th The King's Hussars and the 19th Royal Hussars (Queen Alexandra's Own) on 11 April 1922, becoming the 15th/19th Hussars. It briefly dropped the 19th numeral from its title in 1932, becoming the 15th The King's Royal Hussars, before regaining it the following year.



It mechanised in the late 1930s, and was transferred to the Royal Armoured Corps in 1939. At the outbreak of the Second World War, it was based at York with the 3rd Infantry Division, serving as the divisional reconnaissance regiment.

It deployed with them in the British Expeditionary Force, and fought in the Battle of France. During this time, it also operated with the 2nd Armoured Reconnaissance Brigade. After the withdrawal to the UK, it operated with 3rd Motor Machine Gun Brigade being assigned to the newly raised 28th Armoured Brigade of 9th Armoured Division in December 1940, with a cadre being detached to form the 23rd Hussars.

It remained in the UK until after the D-Day landings, when it was sent to Normandy as the divisional reconnaissance regiment of the 11th Armoured Division. It ended the war in Germany.

It is reported in the regimental history that the Hussars were provided with an establishment of 12 Daimler scout cars during WW2.

Immediately after the war they were stationed at Volzondorf, Germany with the BOAR.

The Regiment served in Palestine between 1945 and 1948 and was involved in the Malayan Emergency from 1954 to 1956 with the Regimental Headquarters and one squadron based at Ipoh; the other squadrons were based at Taiping and Raub.

After Malaya the Regiment was posted to Oman, Muscat and Aden during the rebellion of the Imam of Oman in 1957.

As part of the post-Cold War defence reforms, the 15th/19th amalgamated with the 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) on 1 December 1992 to form The Light Dragoons, again reverting back to the Armoured Reconnaissance role.



Captain Singer of The Royal Kings Hussars, killed the next day, driven by Trooper Lindsay



Photos courtesy of [http://www.army.mod.uk/the\\_kings\\_royal\\_hussars/gallery/stories/dougie\\_covill\\_story.htm](http://www.army.mod.uk/the_kings_royal_hussars/gallery/stories/dougie_covill_story.htm)  
Description: Dingo F64309 General Von Thoma, Commander of The Afrika Corps was captured by Captain Grant Singer





Photo courtesy of IWM H 13444

Photographer :Lieutenant Puttname of Army Film & Photographic Unit#

28<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade, 9th Armoured Division, Dunstable Down Luton.

Description:Youthful tank corps Officers holds a conference during an exercise, showing Dingo scout car  
F14926

3<sup>rd</sup> September 1941





Photo courtesy of Mr Rigarlsford

Description: An veteran has supplied a photo taken in 1948 in Egypt which is of a Dingo of the 'Royal Hussars scout car F340848

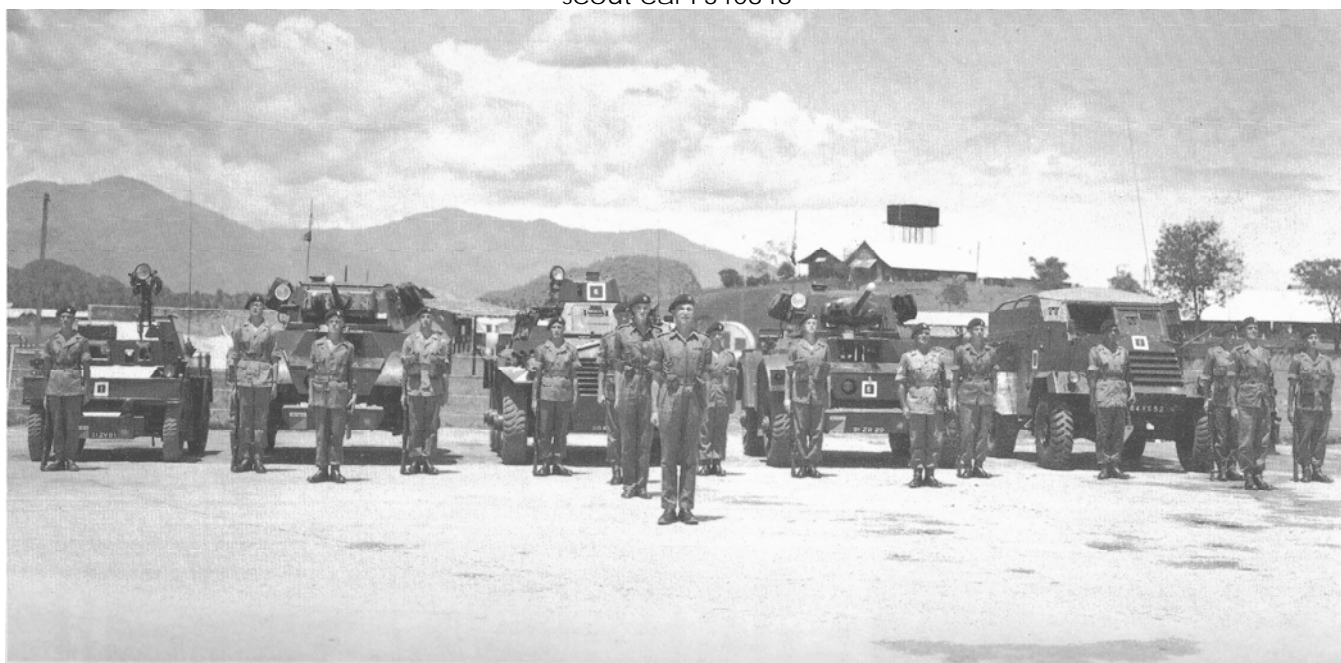


Photo courtesy of The History of the 15-19th Hussars book – Keat House.

Description: Escort for Lady Dorothea Head – Malaya,  
 Daimler scout car 31 ZV 91, DAC, Humber, and Daimler armoured car 91 ZR 20 are visible.





Photo courtesy of The History of the 15-19<sup>th</sup> Hussars book – Keat House.  
Description: Escort for Lady Dorothea Head – Malaya  
Humber, DAC 31 ZV 17 & 87.ZR.47 are visible

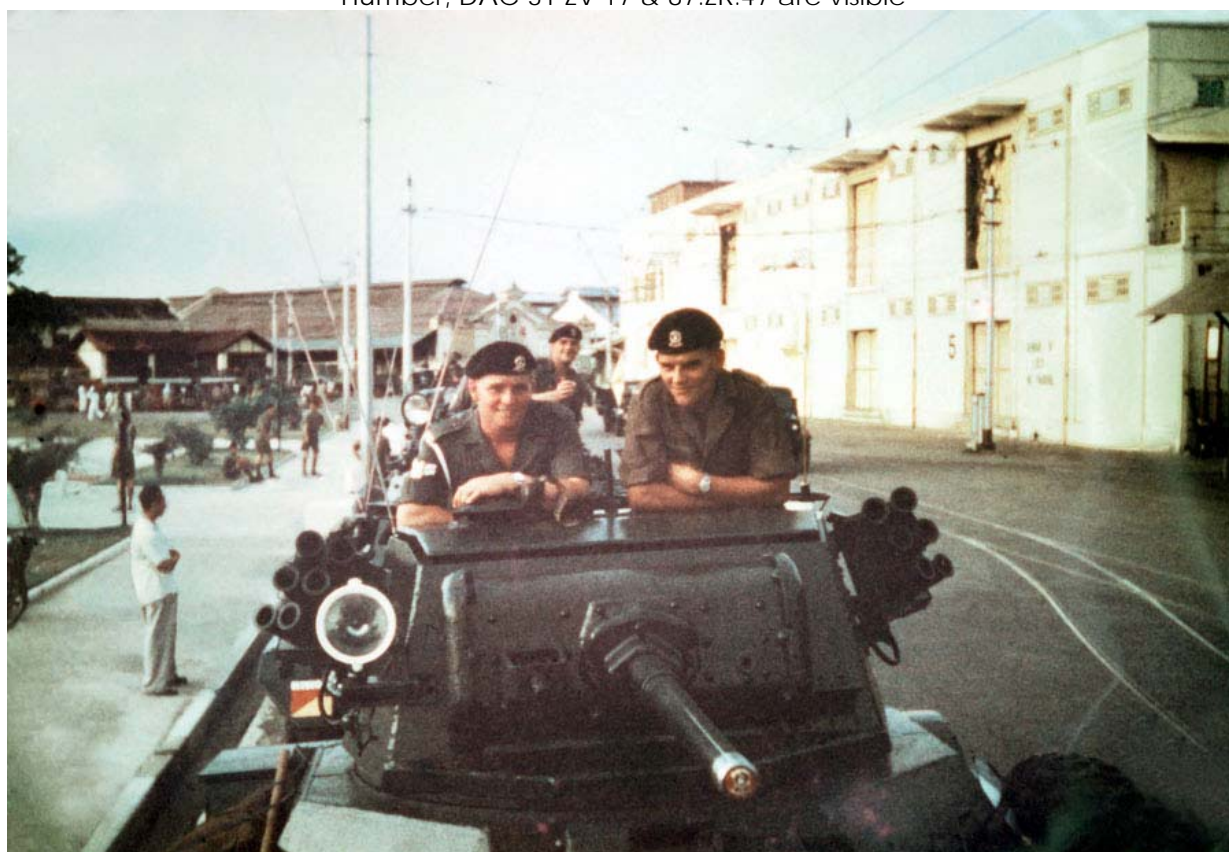


Photo courtesy of The National Army Museum NAM 2004-11-96  
Description: Armoured car of A Squadron 15/19<sup>th</sup> Kings Royal Hussars in Penang Malaya 1957.





Photo courtesy of Trooper Fred Pascoe  
Description: DAC's f19974/38ZU75 & others of 1st troop A squadron of the 15-19 Hussars at Raub, Malaya 1954



Photo courtesy of Trooper Fred Pascoe  
Description: Bill Aldred and Fred Pascoe of 2nd troop C squadron with daimler at the cameron highlands. Malaya 1957



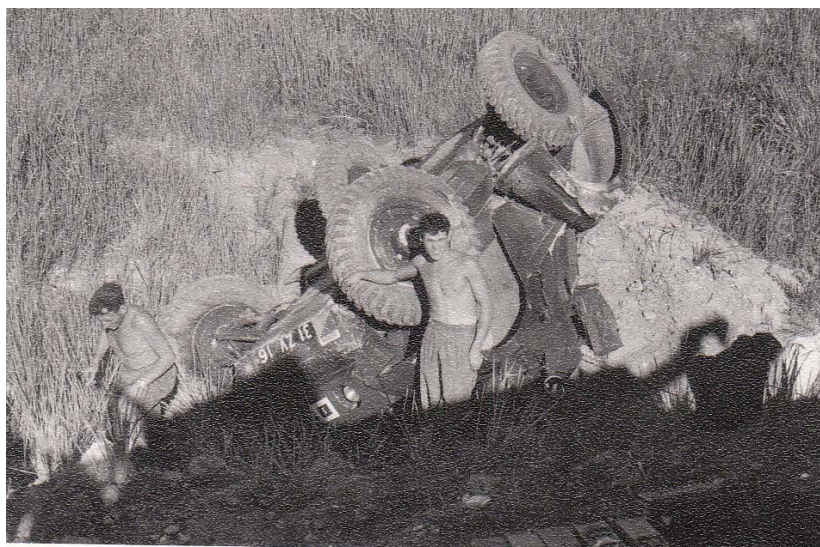
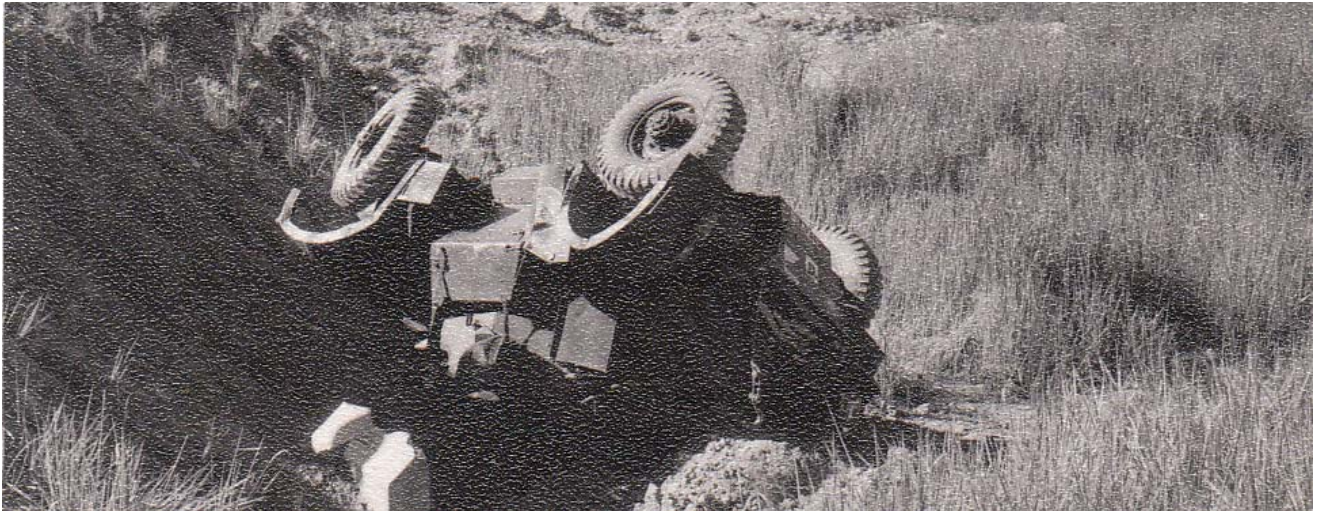


Photo courtesy of Trooper Fred Pascoe  
Description: Attempting to recover overturned daimler 31ZV16 of B squadron.  
Note the BESA ammunition boxes removed from the vehicle.  
Malaya 1957



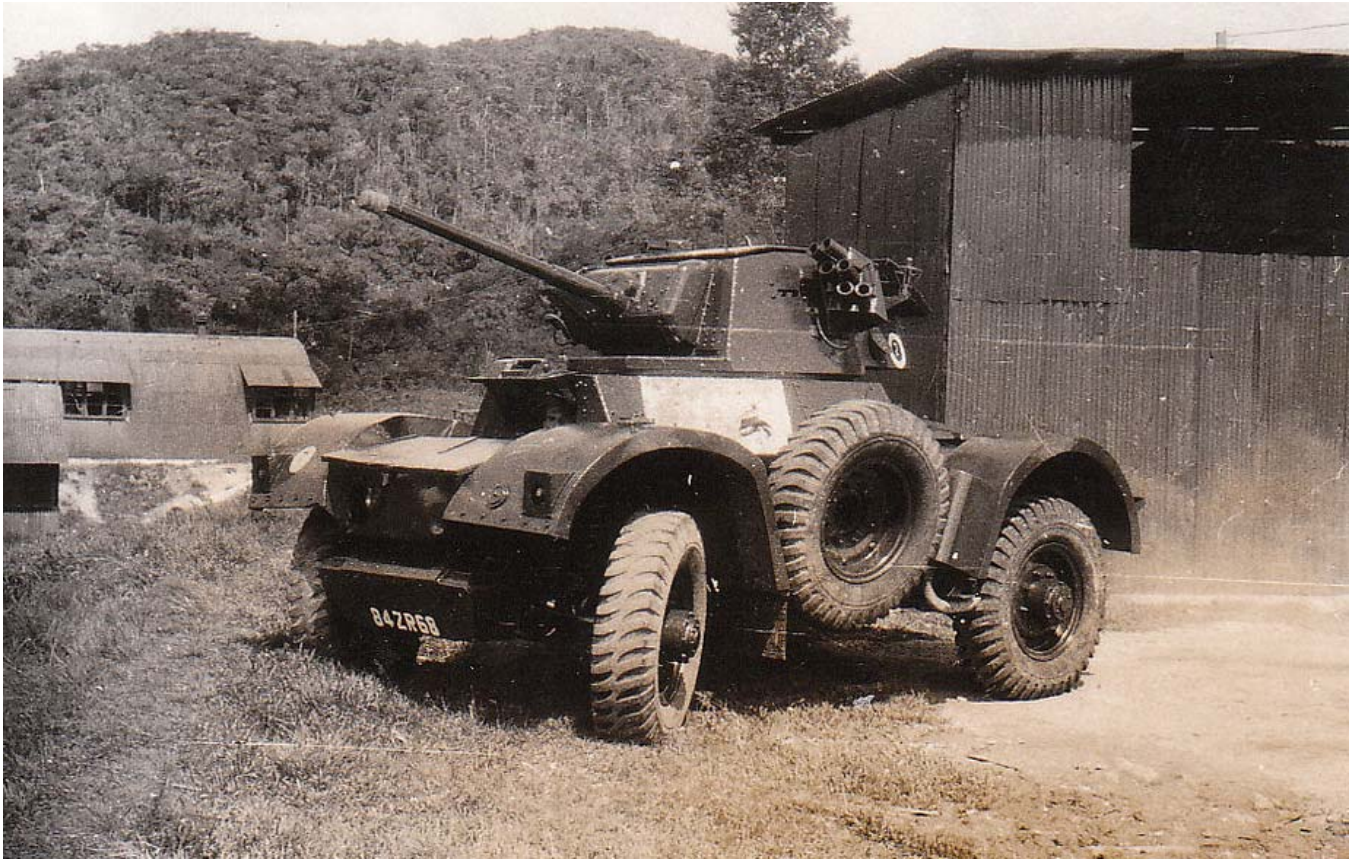


Photo courtesy of Trooper Fred Pascoe  
 Description: DAC F117499/84ZR68 daimler in camp at the cameron highlands  
 Malaya 1955



Photo courtesy of Trooper Fred Pascoe  
 Description: Saimler and Saracens of C squadron at Kulim.  
 Malaya 1956





Photo courtesy of Trooper Fred Pascoe  
Description: Daimler scout car (dingo) F329773/22ZS85 of C squadron at the Cameron Highland  
Malaya 1956



Photo courtesy of Trooper Fred Pascoe  
C squadron ferret on approach road to camp  
Malaya 1957



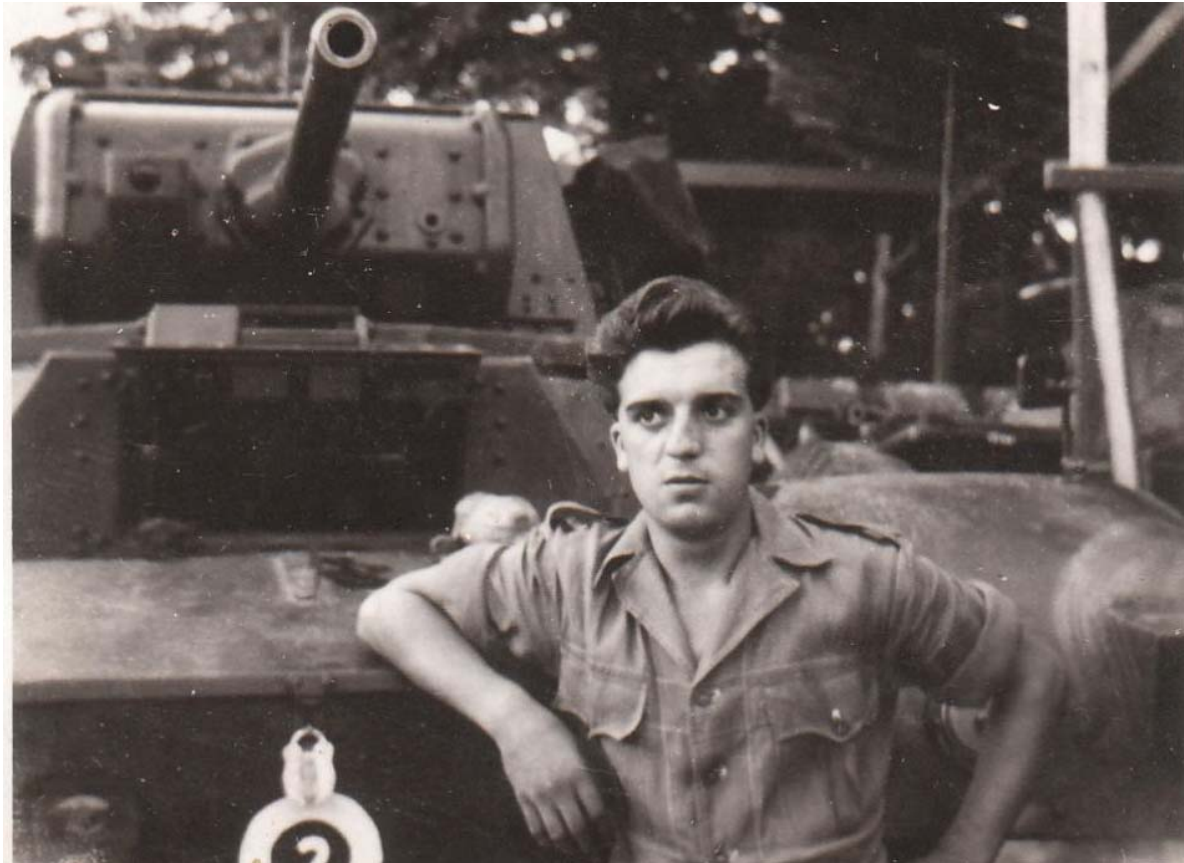


Photo courtesy of Trooper Fred Pascoe  
Description: fred pascoe with daimler 2 troop C squadron.  
Malaya 1956



Photo courtesy of Trooper Fred Pascoe  
C squadron Ferret at the Cameron Highlands 1957  
Malaya 1956



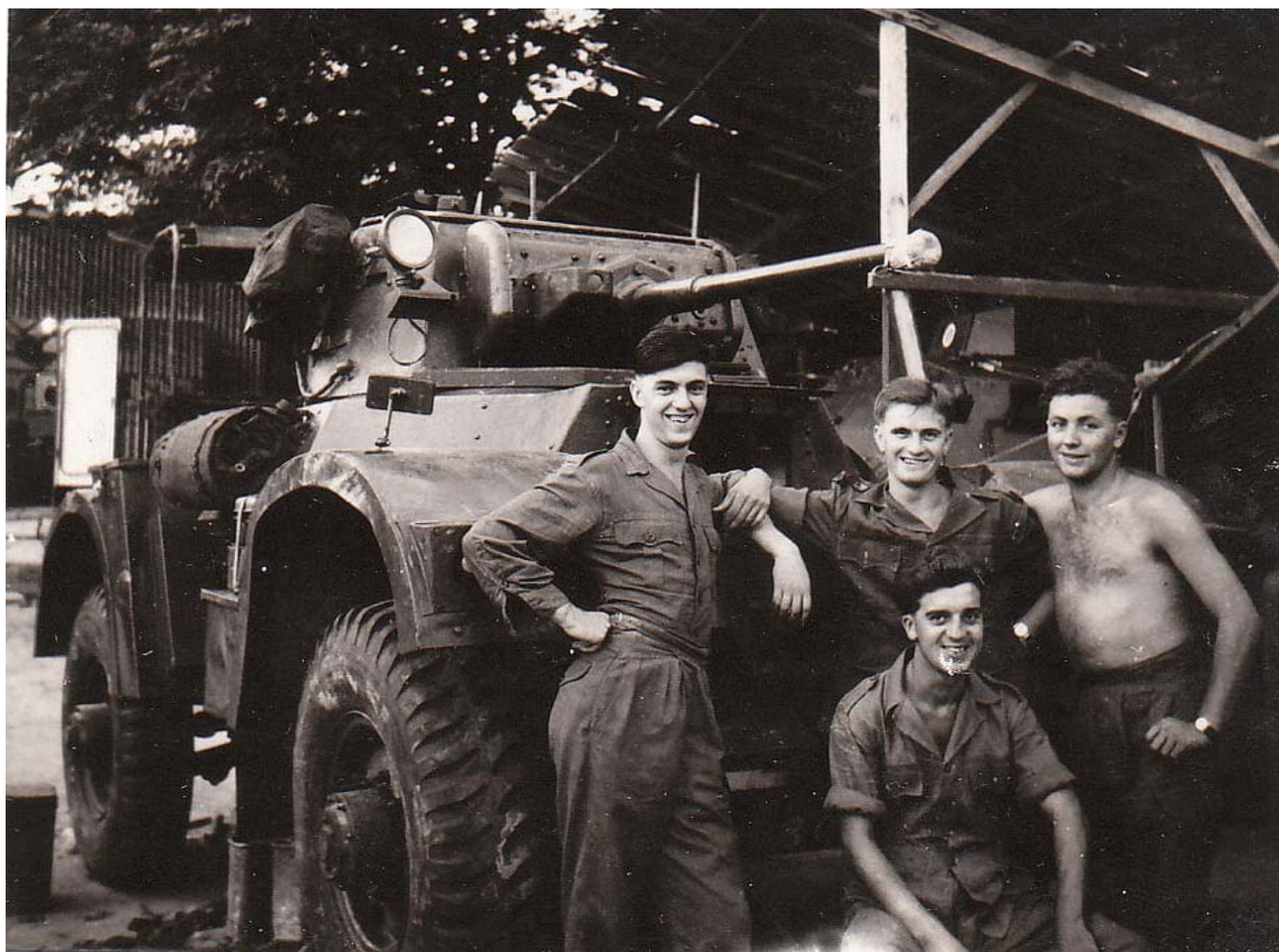


Photo courtesy of Trooper Fred Pascoe  
Description: Left to right--Alec, Bill, Smithy and Fred at front, C squadron at Kulim.  
Malaya 1956

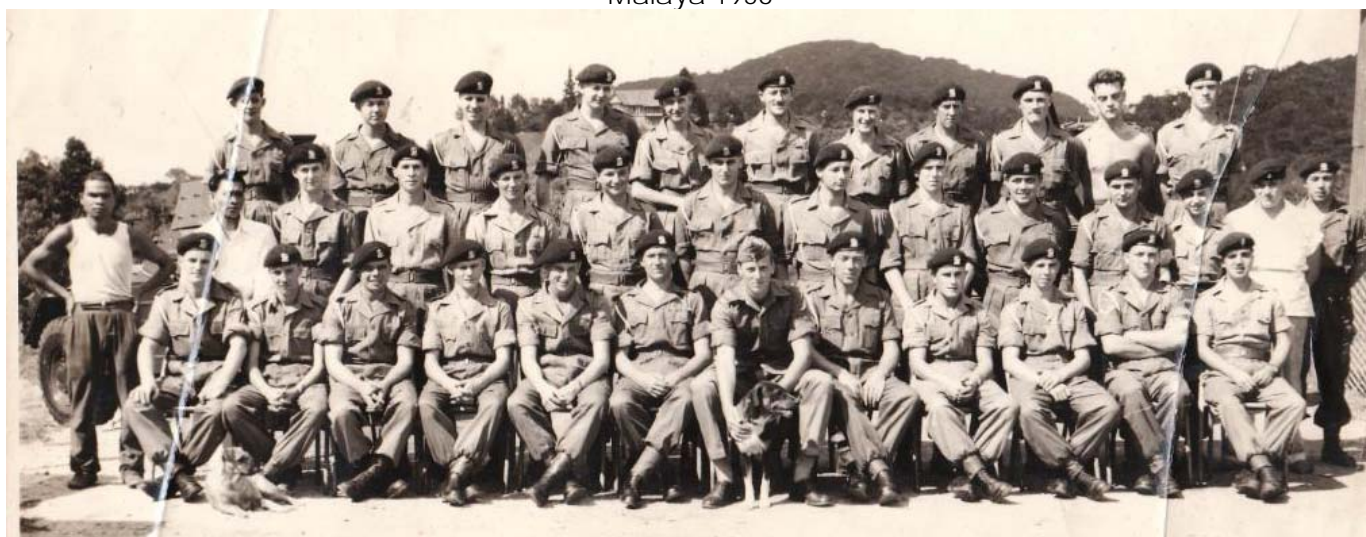


Photo courtesy of Trooper Fred Pascoe  
Description: C squadron group picture at the Cameron Highlands,  
Trooper Rutherford front row end left. Tpr Gentry 3rd left front row. Trp Fred Pascoe front row end right.  
Malaya 1956





Photo courtesy of The History of the 15-19<sup>th</sup> Hussars book – Keat House.  
Description: DCS F340461/23 ZS 70 on the first snow patrol in Armagh







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Photo courtesy of The History of the 15-19th Hussars book – Keat House.  
Description: Daimler armoured car F339442/86ZR96 on the ranges.



### Cavalry Of The Line 23rd Hussars

The 23rd Hussars was a cavalry regiment of the British Army from 1940 to 1946.

The regiment was raised in December 1940 from a cadre of personnel taken from the 10th Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own) and the 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars and was assigned to 29th Armoured Brigade of 11th Armoured Division



The 11th Armoured Division landed in France in June 1944, taking heavy casualties as part of the Battle of Normandy at Colombes, Cheux, Hill 112, and Cean.

Following Operation Goodwood, losses of armour were so high that the regiment had absorbed the remnants of the 24th Lancers a regiment of 8th Armoured Brigade.

Later in the war, the regiment operated in the following battles

August 1944,	Presles, Bas Perrier, Beny Bocage, L'Aigle, Ameins
September	Belgium, Antwerp, Ijesselstein
October	Leunen
December	Ardennes
January 1945	Ypres
March	Schoot

They were amongst the first troops into Belsen 15<sup>th</sup> April 1945 and ended the war in Germany. The regiment was disbanded at the end of January, 1946.

**No evidence of the use of Daimler Scout car so far identified**





Cavalry Of The Line  
26th Hussars

The 26th Hussars was a cavalry regiment of the British Army from 1941 to 1943.



The regiment was raised at Meerut in June 1941 from a cadre of personnel taken from the 14th/20th King's Hussars, and was assigned to 2nd Indian Armoured Brigade.

It was later moved to 225th Indian Armoured Brigade

It was disbanded at Secunderabad in October 1943, with the personnel being transferred to the 3rd Carabiniers

**No evidence of the use of Daimler Fighting Vehicles so far identified**