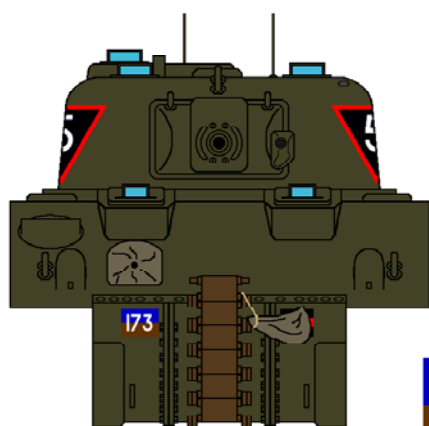


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A look at the markings, colour schemes and vehicles of the Canadian Army.

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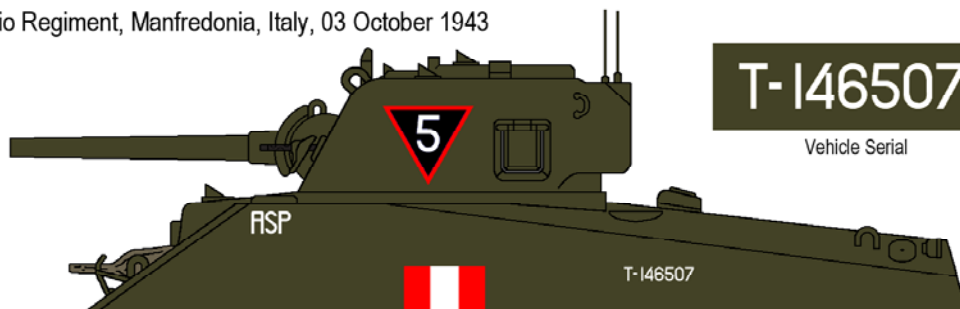
Sherman Mk.V 'Asp' - 'A' Squadron, The Ontario Regiment, Manfredonia, Italy, 03 October 1943



Squadron Marking:



'A' Sqn, 5 Tp, Senior Reg't



T-146507

Vehicle Serial

Unit Sign:

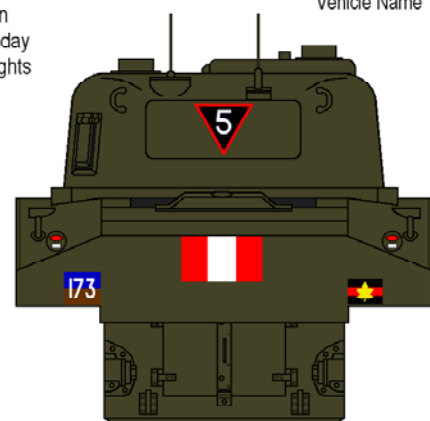
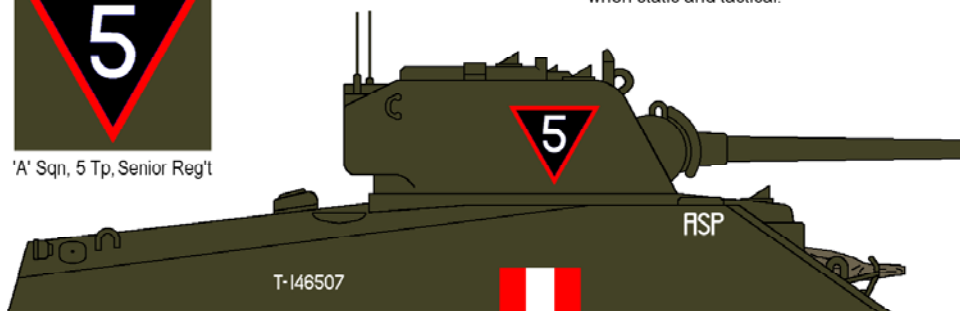


OntR

Asp is shown as she was being transported on a flat-bed trailer. She is relatively clean of external stowage and has all guns covered. The formation sign is covered with a cloth draped and tied off on the track bolted to the front hull. Normal practice (according to the crewmen themselves) was to paint them out when moving. Today the same system is used to mask windshields and lights when static and tactical.

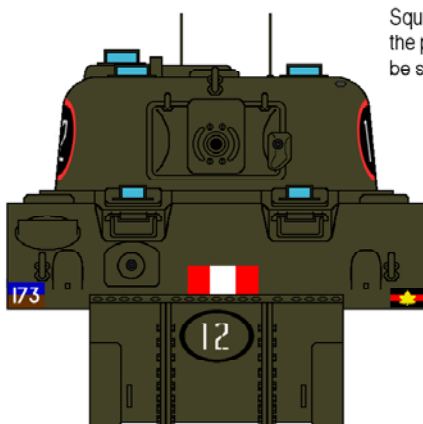
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Vehicle Name



Sherman Mk.V 'Cat' - 'C' Squadron, The Ontario Regiment, Somewhere-in-Italy, 1943-44

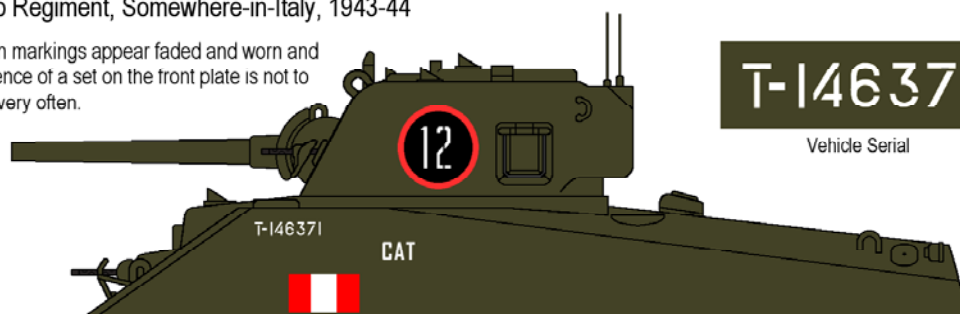
Squadron markings appear faded and worn and the presence of a set on the front plate is not to be seen very often.



Squadron Marking:



'12' Tp, 'C' Sqn, Senior Reg't



T-146371

Vehicle Serial

CAT

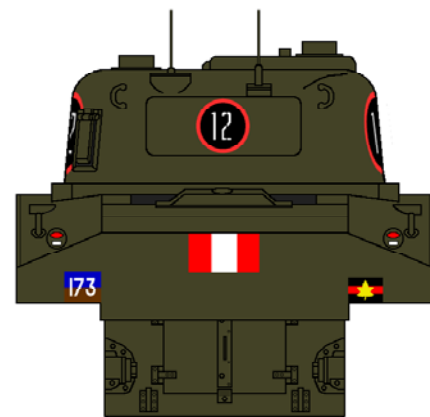
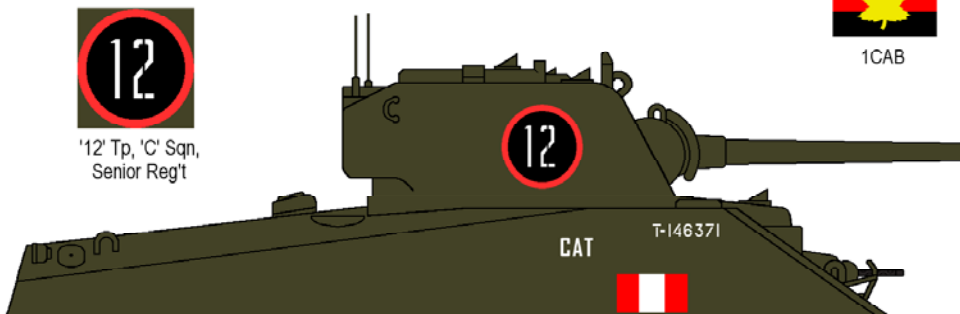
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Formation Sign:



1CAB

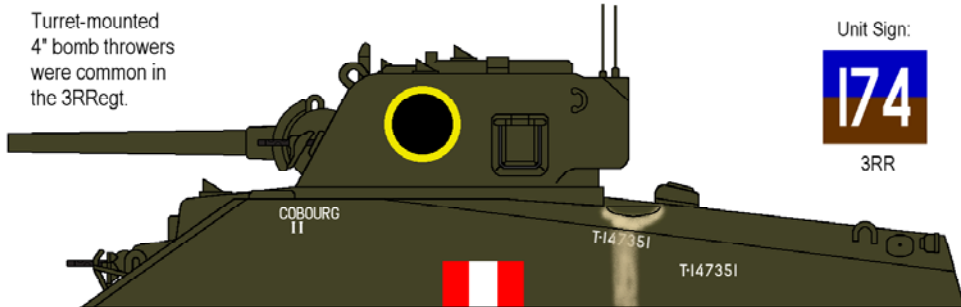
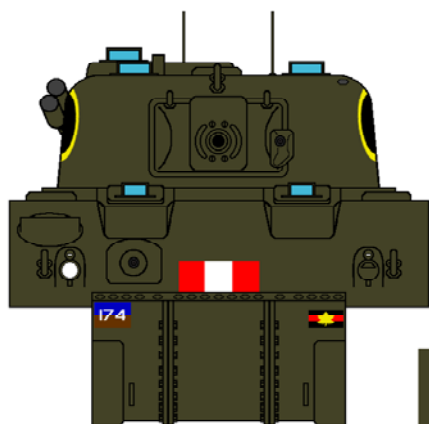
Headlights have been removed from their mounts and stowed inside the vehicle, a normal course of action to keep them from getting damaged.



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Sherman Mk.V 'Cobourg II' - 'C' Sqn, The Three Rivers Regiment, 1st Canadian Armoured Brigade, Ortona, Italy, 23 December 1943



Unit Sign:

 3RR

Turret-mounted 4" bomb throwers were common in the 3RRegt.

The second serial (I believe) is there as the first is disintegrating because of the excess fuel leaked over it during refuelling.

Squadron Sign:



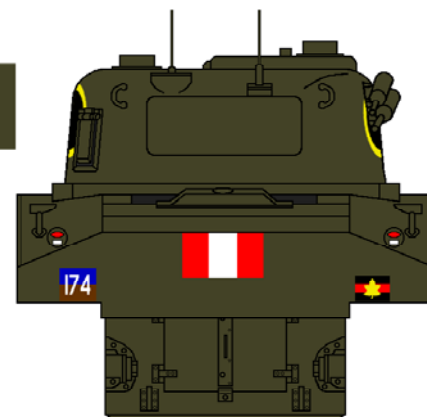
'C' Sqn, Middle Regt'

COBOURG II

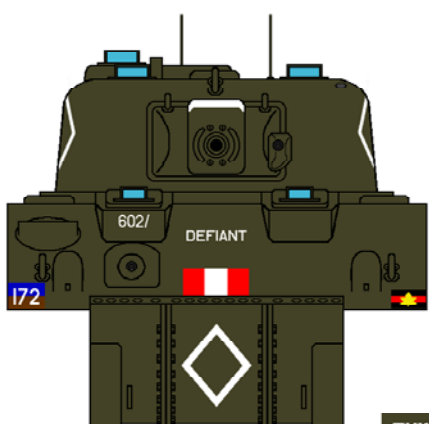
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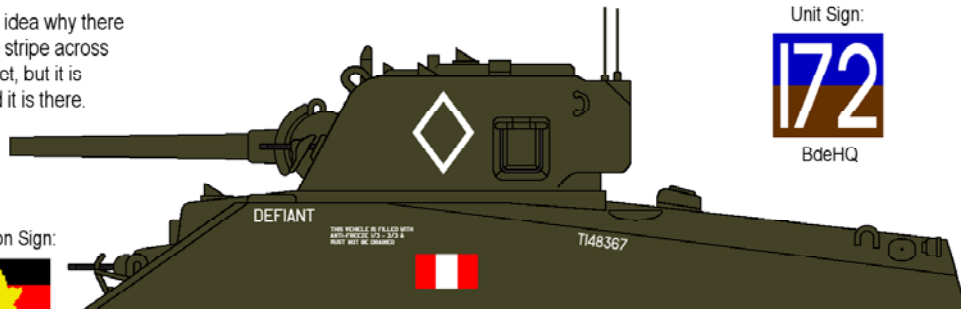
Vehicle Serial



Sherman Mk.V 'Defiant' - Headquarters Squadron, Brigade Headquarters, Manfredonia, Italy, 03 October 1943



I have no idea why there is a white stripe across the mantlet, but it is white and it is there.



Unit Sign:

 BdeHQ

Formation Sign:



1CAB

DEFIANT

Vehicle Name

T148367

Vehicle Serial
(not confirmed but viable)

This vehicle is in the same convoy as Ant on page one and like her, is stripped of external stores and shows only the kitbag tied to the mantlet lifting lug. Markings, however are quite complete (HQ vehicle - BS heavy!).

Squadron Marking:



HQ Sqn

602/

Convoy Number

THIS VEHICLE IS FILLED WITH ANTI-FREEZE 1/3 - 2/3 & MUST NOT BE DRAINED

Left Side Hull Marking

