

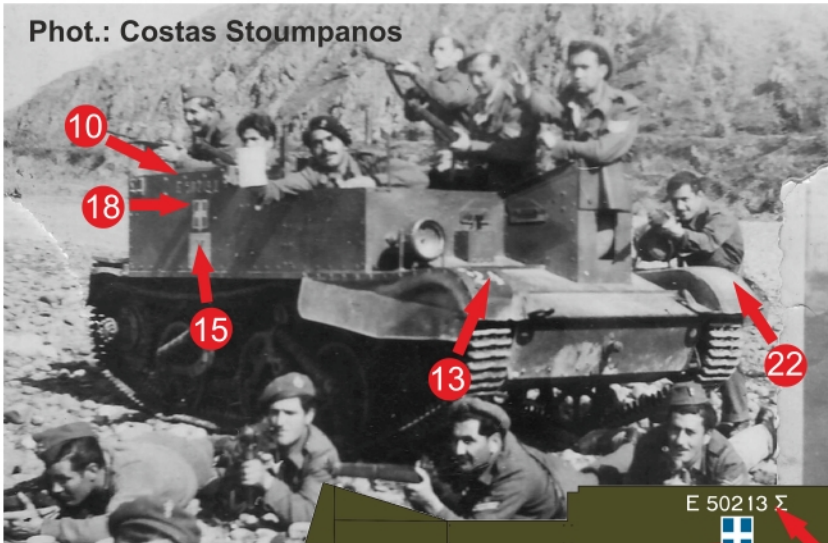
Hellenic Artillery 1945-1949

During the Greek Civil war (1945-1949) the Hellenic Army was mainly equipped by the British. The heavy artillery used 5.5" guns, which were towed by AEC Matador Artillery tractors. The field artillery used the British 25 pdr, towed by Morris Commercial or CMP Quad gun tractors.

The artillery also used universal carriers, both as observation posts and as armoured command vehicles. Various types of motorcycles were used for liaison



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duties. During this period all Hellenic Army



vehicles retained their previous British finish of SCC15, the British equivalent of Olive Drab, or were repainted in locally available similar colours.

The markings used during this period were similar to the British WWII system, according to which vehicles displayed an arm of service marking and a formation sign. The artillery seem to have also adapted the marking system used by the British artillery, and used a variety of special markings to indicate sub units within formations.

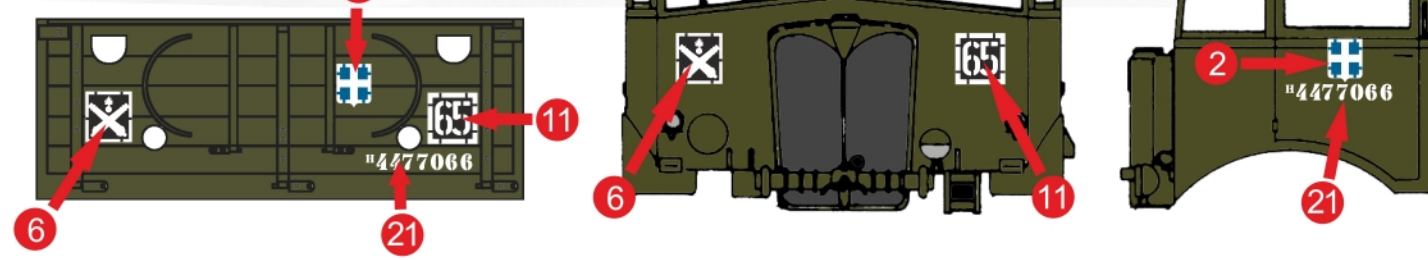
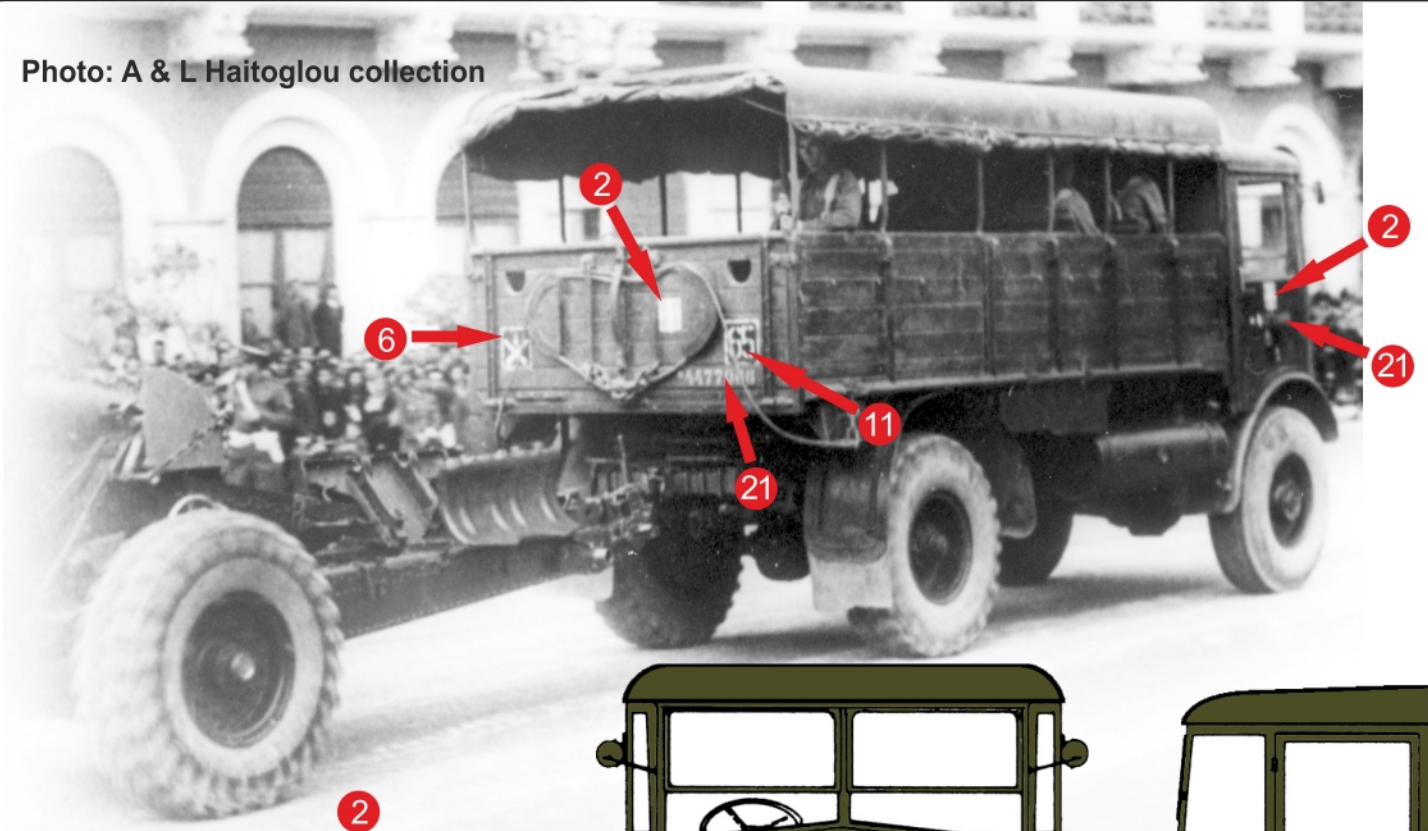
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Both early and mid production Matador gun tractors were in service. Tire side walls were often painted white for parades.

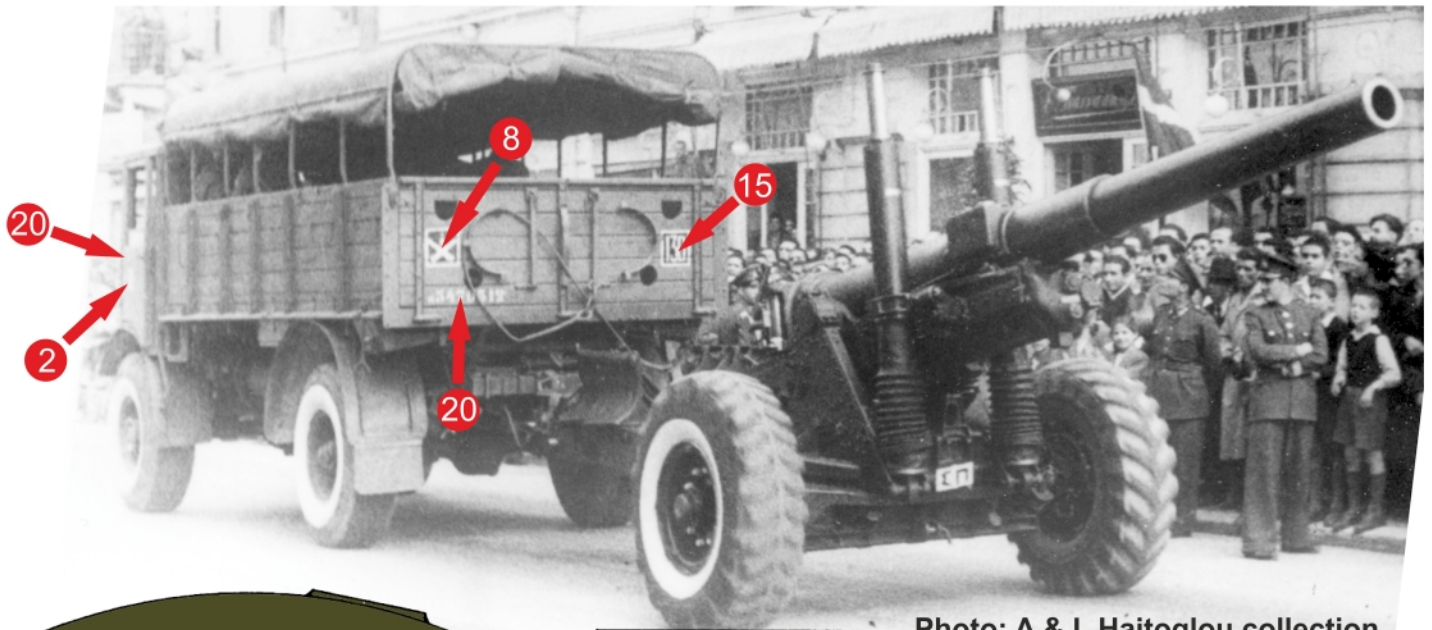
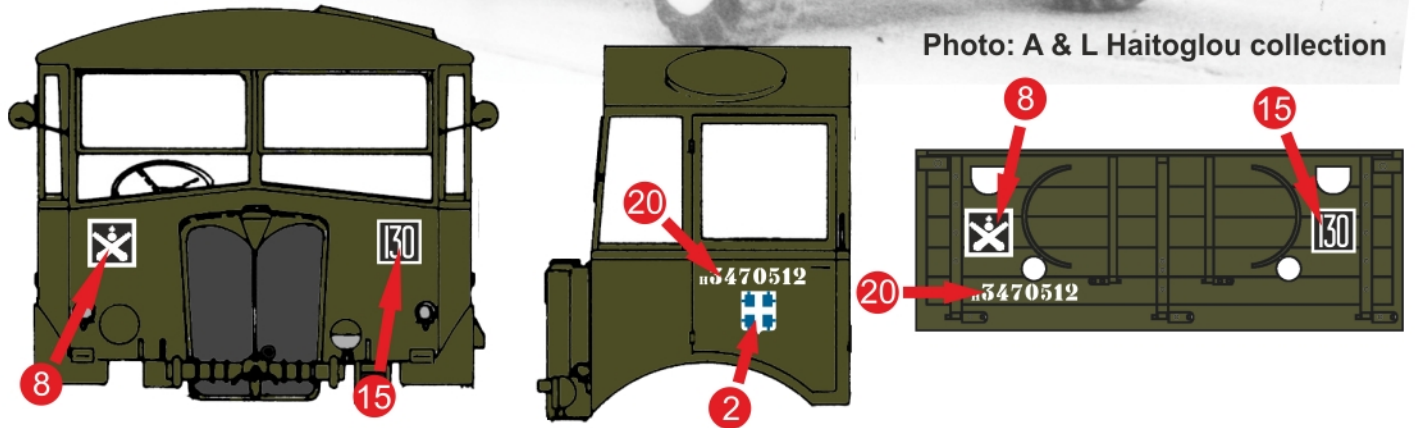


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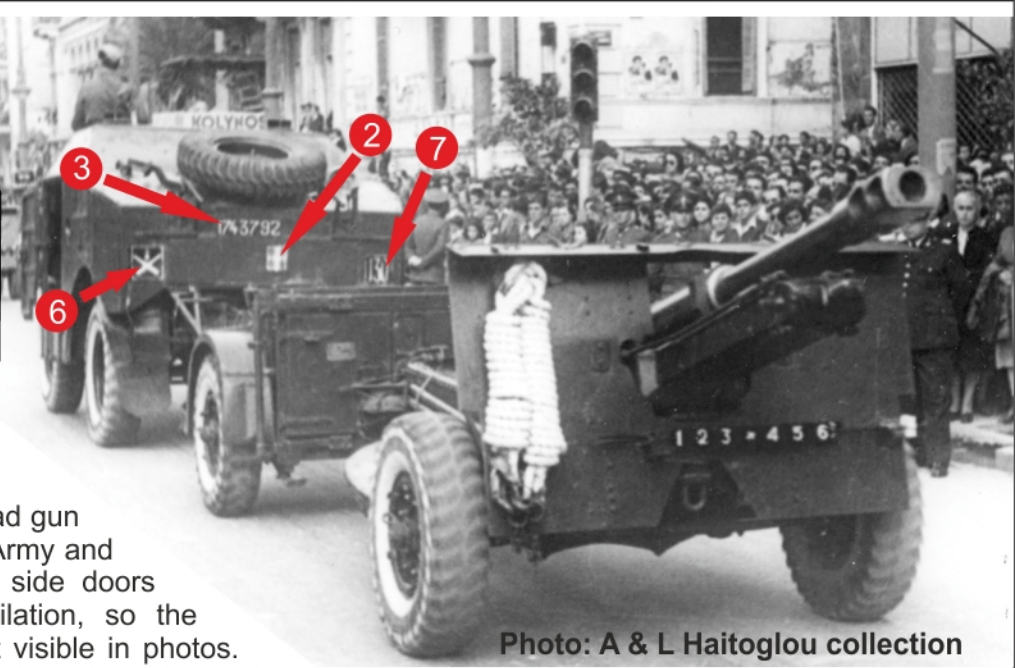
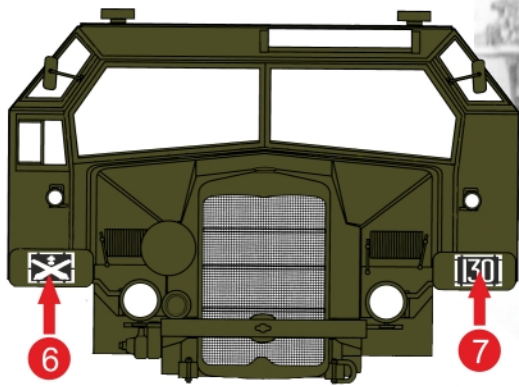
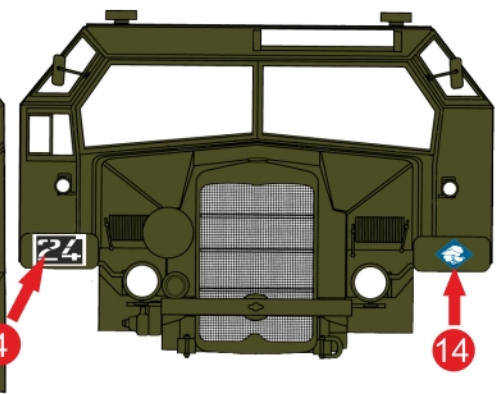
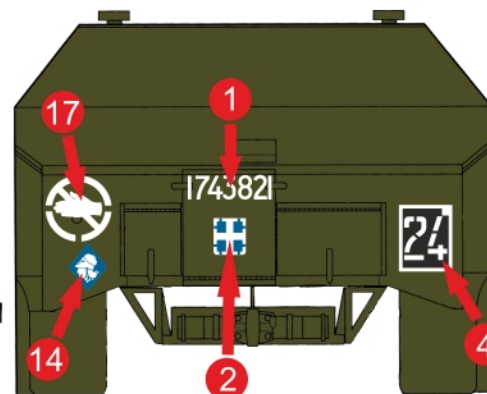
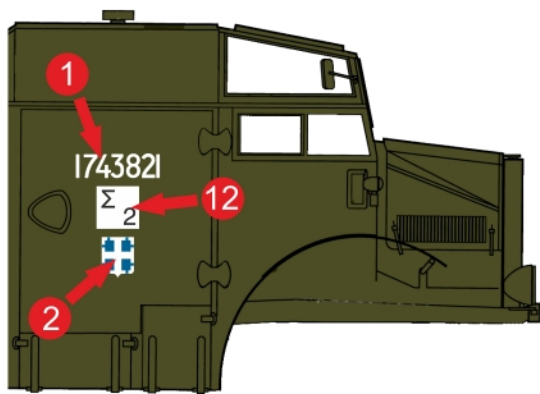


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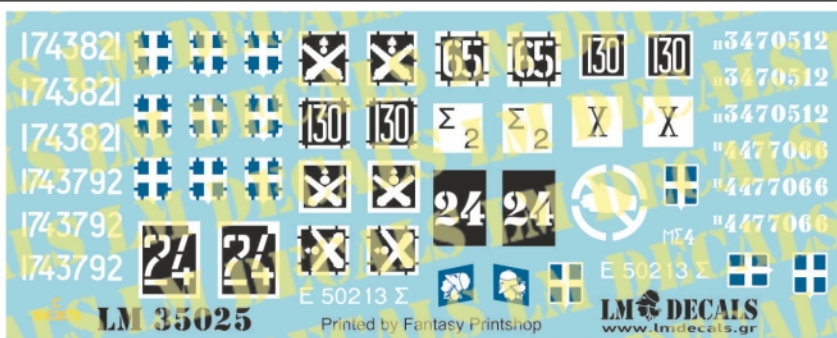
All marks of the Morris Commercial Quad gun tractor were employed by the Hellenic Army and they were very often used with their side doors fastened open, probably to aid ventilation, so the markings on these doors are often not visible in photos.

During this period it was common for the tire side walls to be painted white for parades. Some times just the outer edge of the wheel rim would be painted white. This applied to the tractor, the limber and the 25 pdr gun. It seems that this white trim was often retained even in operational use.



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