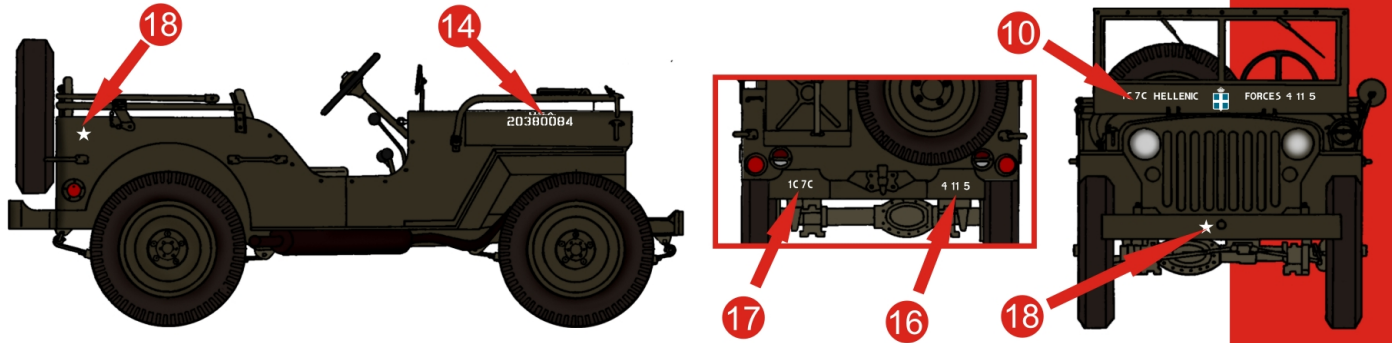
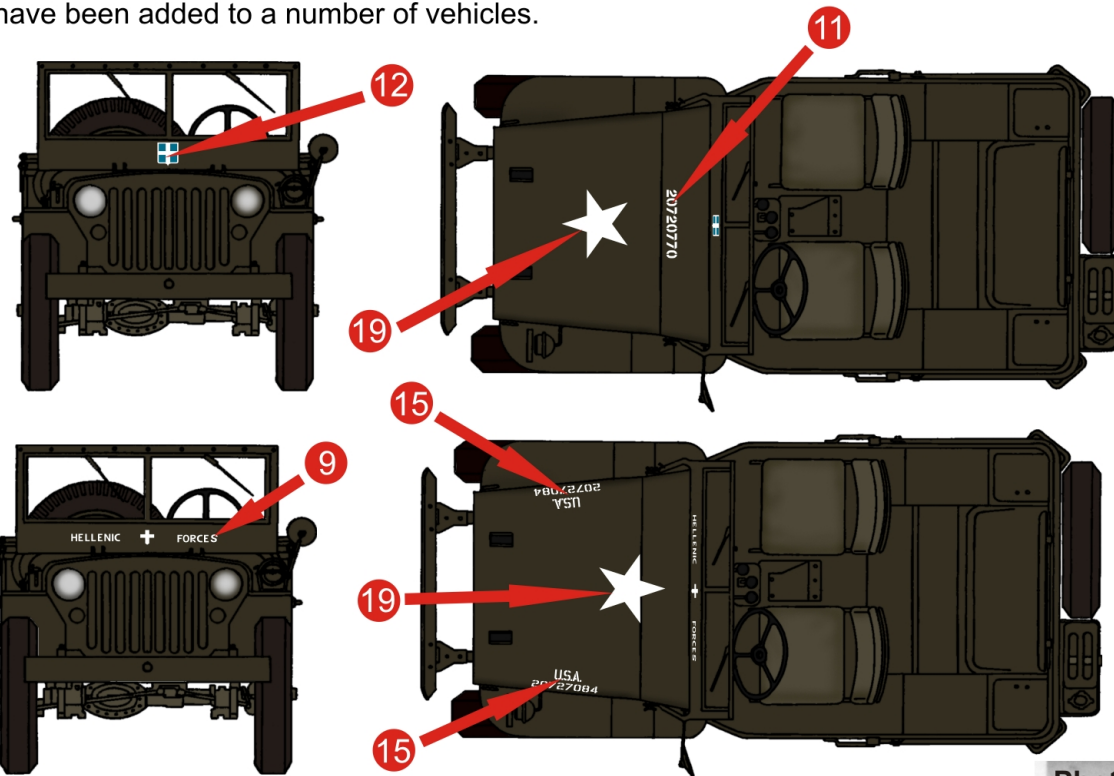


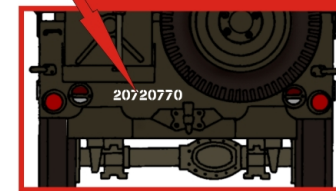
Jeep Willys MB, Dodge WC-51/52, 62 & WC-54 ambulance in Hellenic service



When the Greek Expeditionary Force arrived in Korea it was only of battalion strength and had with it, among other vehicles 38 Jeeps. In-theatre vehicles losses were replaced from US stocks. When the GEF was later reinforced to reach regimental strength, the additional vehicles needed again came from US stocks. These vehicles retained their US colours (overall olive drab) and markings with the addition of bumper codes for the Greek units. The Greek national crest seems to have been added to a number of vehicles.



It is believed the rear serial number was in this position.



During the 1950s and early to mid 1960s the vehicle serial number was applied to all four sides of the vehicle in white. Gradually the practice of applying this to the vehicle's sides seems to have been abandoned.

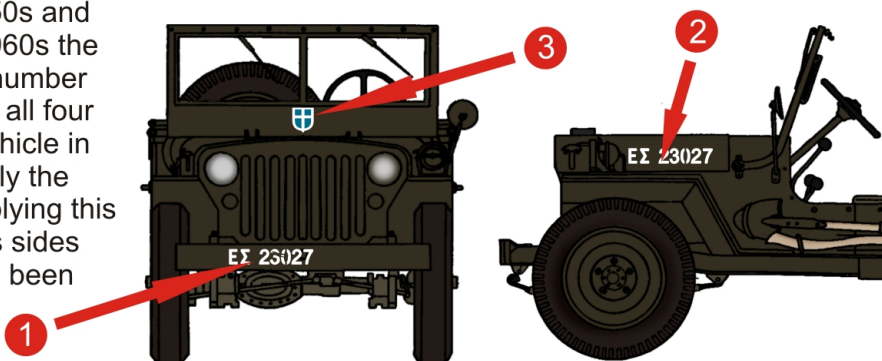
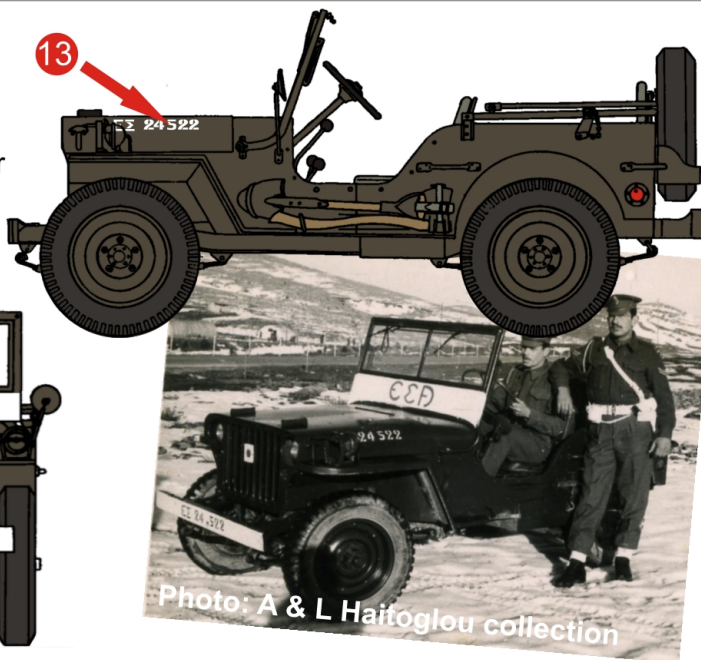


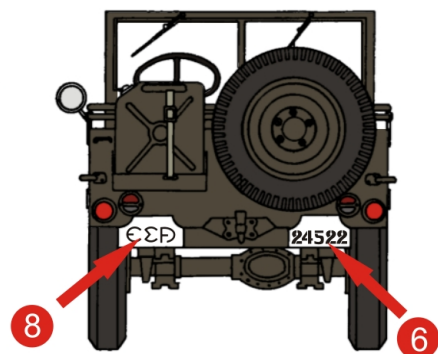
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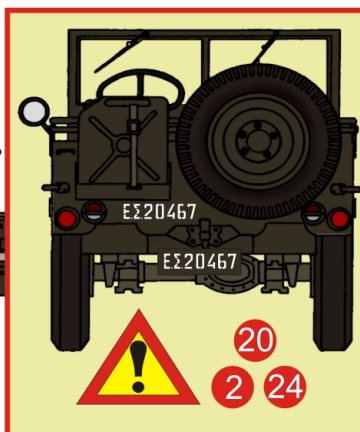
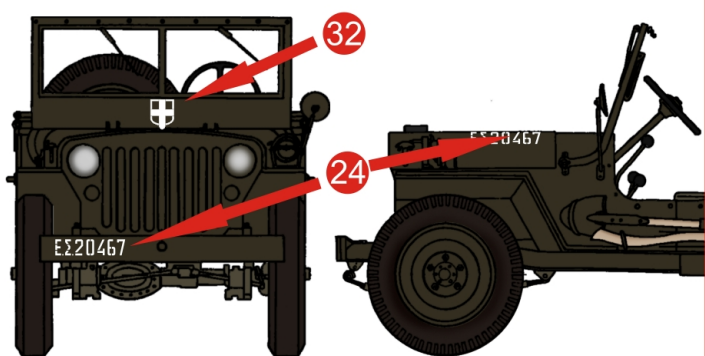
Marking 4 indicated the presence of anti-freeze in the vehicle's radiator and was usually a metal plate fixed with wire to the radiator louvers. It was usually positioned centrally. This practice continues to this day.



Until 1974 the Military Police used the acronym ΕΣΑ. This stands for Ελληνική Στρατιωτική Αστυνομία = Hellenic Military Police.

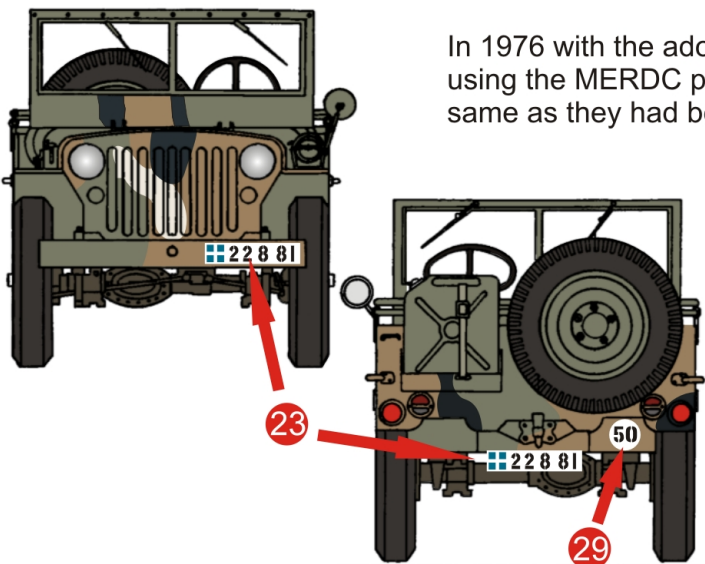
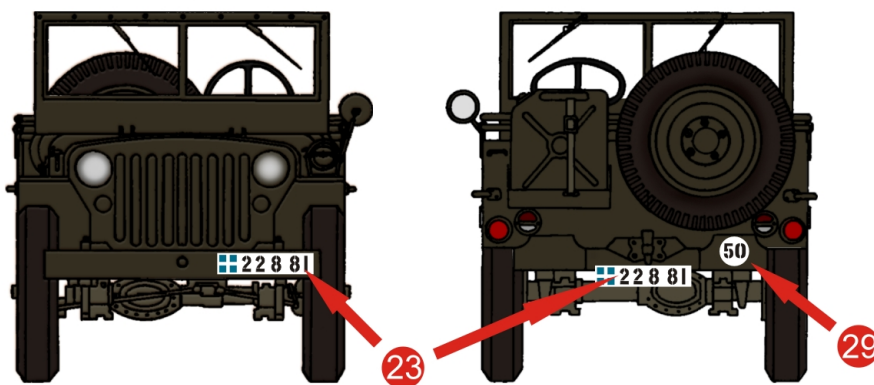


The rear view is partly speculative based on common Military Police practices and regulations.



NOTE: The position of the serial number on the rear of the Jeep is a bit vague, as there is very little photographic evidence from this period. However, it is believed that a metal plate was commonly added between the rear bumperettes for this purpose. An alternative less likely position on the rear of the vehicle is also shown. This applies to all vehicles illustrated.

In 1967 Hellenic army markings were changed and standardised with NATO regulations. Vehicle numbers were now prefixed by a small Greek flag.



In 1976 with the adoption of the four colour camouflage Willys Jeeps were painted using the MERDC pattern for the M151 vehicle. All the markings remained the same as they had been on the overall olive drab vehicles.



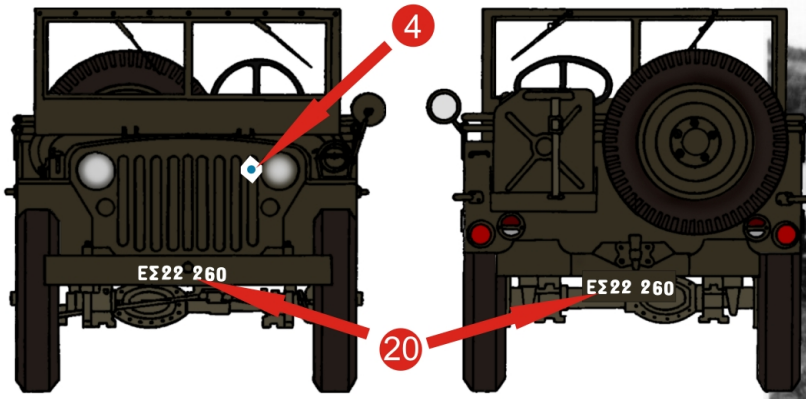
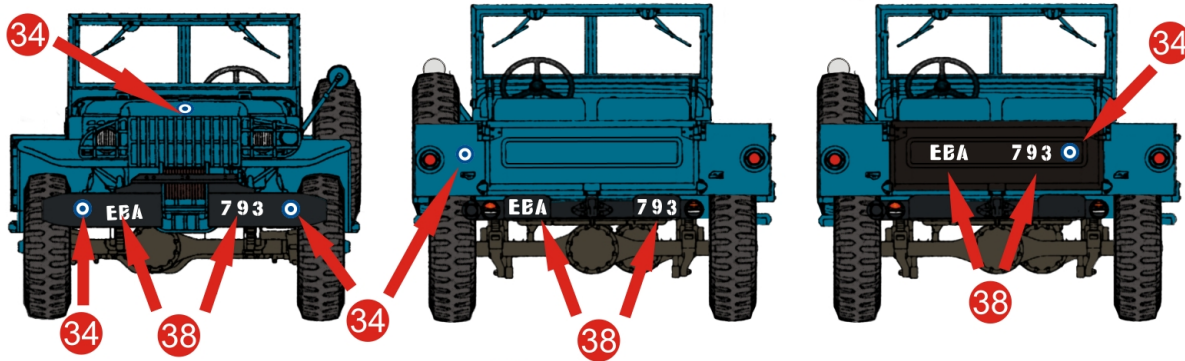
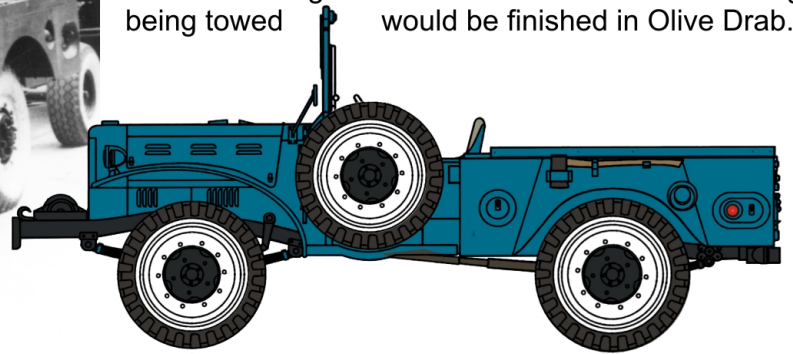



Photo: A & L Haitoglou collection

Athens 25th March 1950

Although colours are hard to interpret from b/w photos, it seems that on this Dodge the wings are blue with the chassis and wheels painted black. The outer wheel rims are white along with the tire side-walls. The Bofors gun being towed would be finished in Olive Drab.

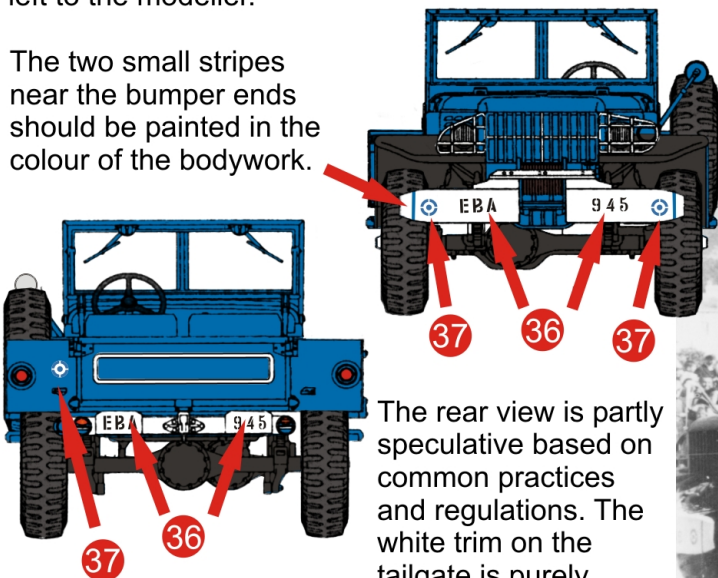


 The rear view is speculative. Two different options are provided based on common air force practices of the period.

NOTE: Decal 38 has to be cut in two.

This Dodge used by the Air Force Police in the 1950s has white bumpers and trim to show its police role. The light guards, two radiator bars and engine side louvers are also trimmed in white. The front wings seem to be darker indicating they were black. The wheels have been pictured as black but may also have been blue. The decision is left to the modeller.

The two small stripes near the bumper ends should be painted in the colour of the bodywork.



The rear view is partly speculative based on common practices and regulations. The white trim on the tailgate is purely speculative.

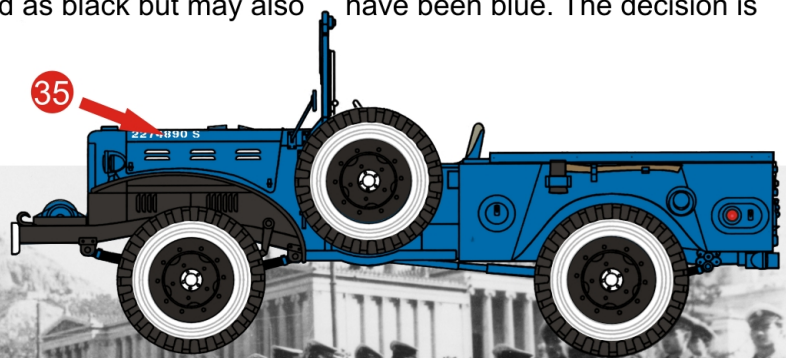
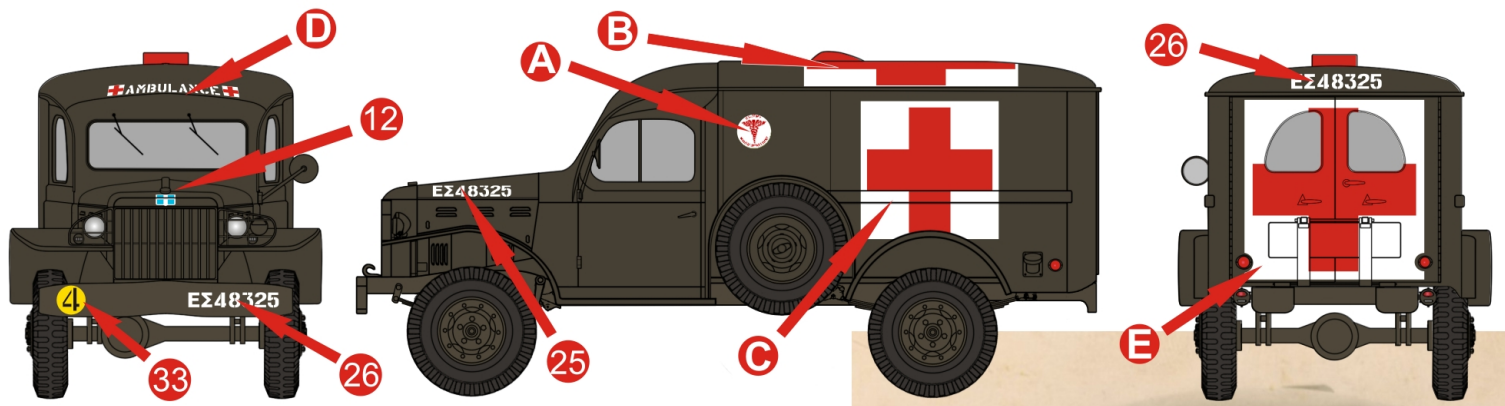


Photo: A & L Haitoglou collection



Dodge ambulances in Hellenic Army service seem to have retained their previous US Army medical Corps markings in addition to their new Greek markings. As most kits of the Dodge WC54 include these, the modeller is asked to use the kit markings (A, B, C, D & E).



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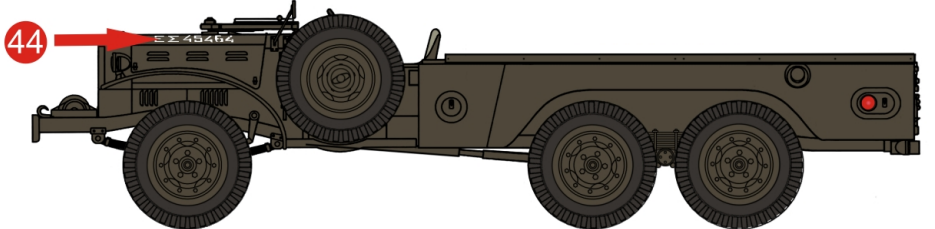
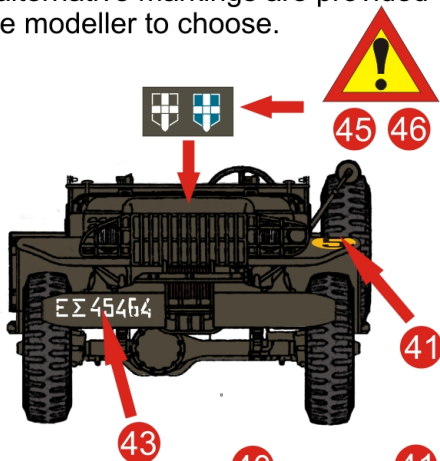
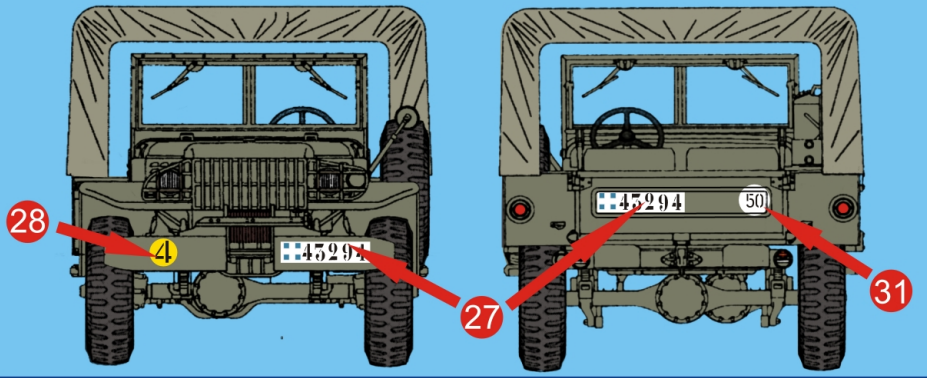
Photo: T. Metsovitis

The position of the rear serial number is speculative. It could have been applied on a plate between the rear bumperettes or following the practice used on the Dodge WC56 Boyerton bodied ambulances, as shown in the photograph on the left, on the horizontal arm of the Red Cross.

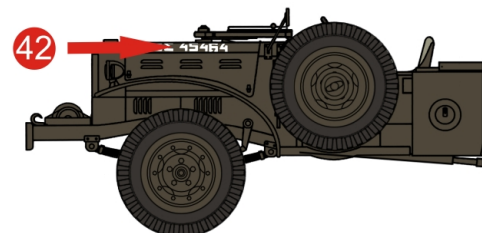
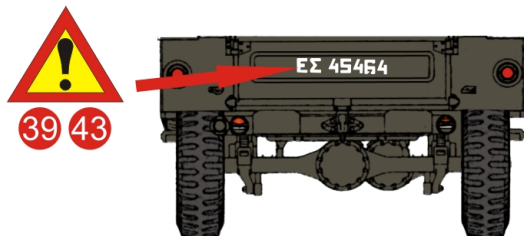
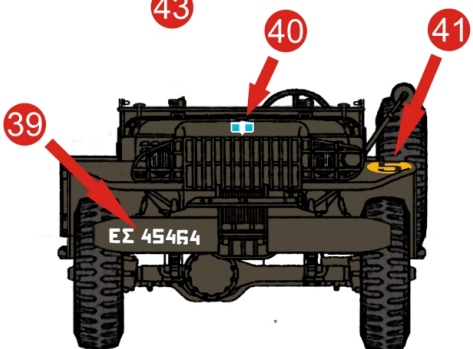
on the Dodge WC56 Boyerton bodied ambulances, as shown in the photograph on the left, on the horizontal arm of the Red Cross.

The Dodge WC-62 below was in service with an artillery unit and has been photographed at different times during its career in the 1950s and early '60s. In its earlier period it is not possible to tell from the b/w photos if the national crest on the radiator has the blue or if it is just a white outline over the vehicle's overall olive-drab. Two alternative markings are provided for the modeller to choose.

In 1967 Hellenic army markings were changed and standardised with NATO regulations. Vehicle numbers were now prefixed by a small Greek flag. The use of the national crest over the radiator was discontinued.



The rear view is partly speculative based on regulations and common practices of the period. It applies for both periods of the vehicle's career.



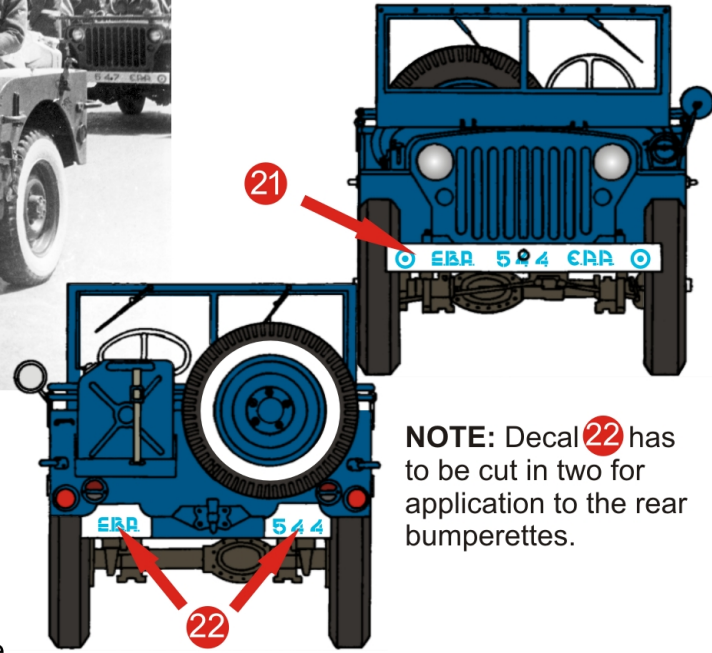
Athens 25th March 1959
Air Force Police Jeep



Photo: T. Metsovitis collection

The Royal Hellenic Air Force vehicles generally loosely followed the post-war RAF practice of painting vehicles blue with bumpers, wings and chassis painted black. The shade of blue used varied, ranging from light blue to dark blue. Painting tire sidewalls white for parades and inspections was popular in the 1950s and '60s.

Until 1974 the Air Force Police used the acronym EAA. This stands for Ελληνική Αεροπορική Αστυνομία = Hellenic Air Force Police.



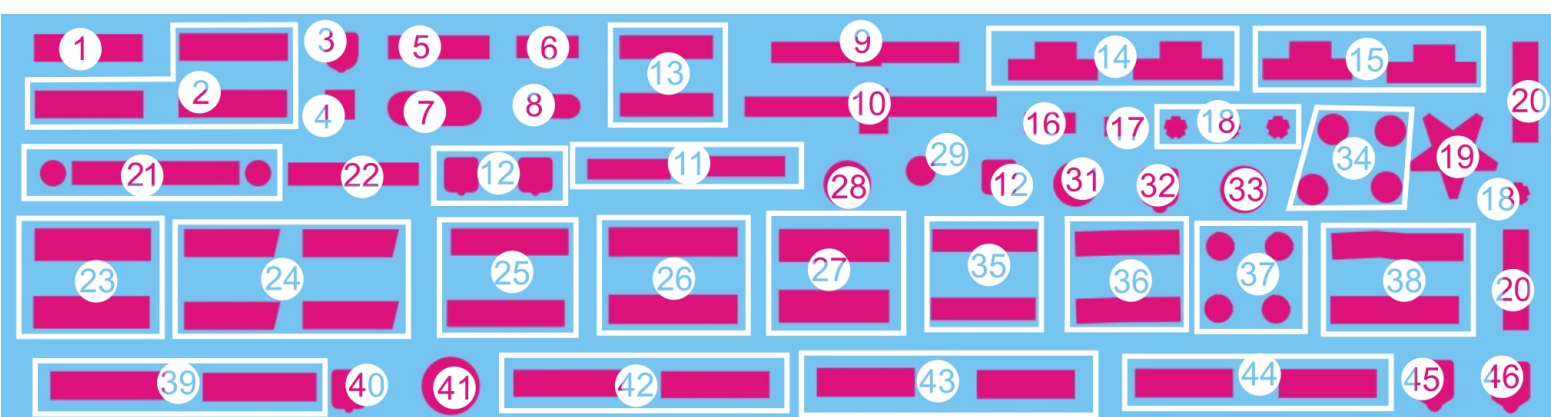
NOTE: Decal 22 has to be cut in two for application to the rear bumperettes.

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This symbol indicates that alternative markings are applicable in this position **OR** that the same marking applies to more than one colour scheme.



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