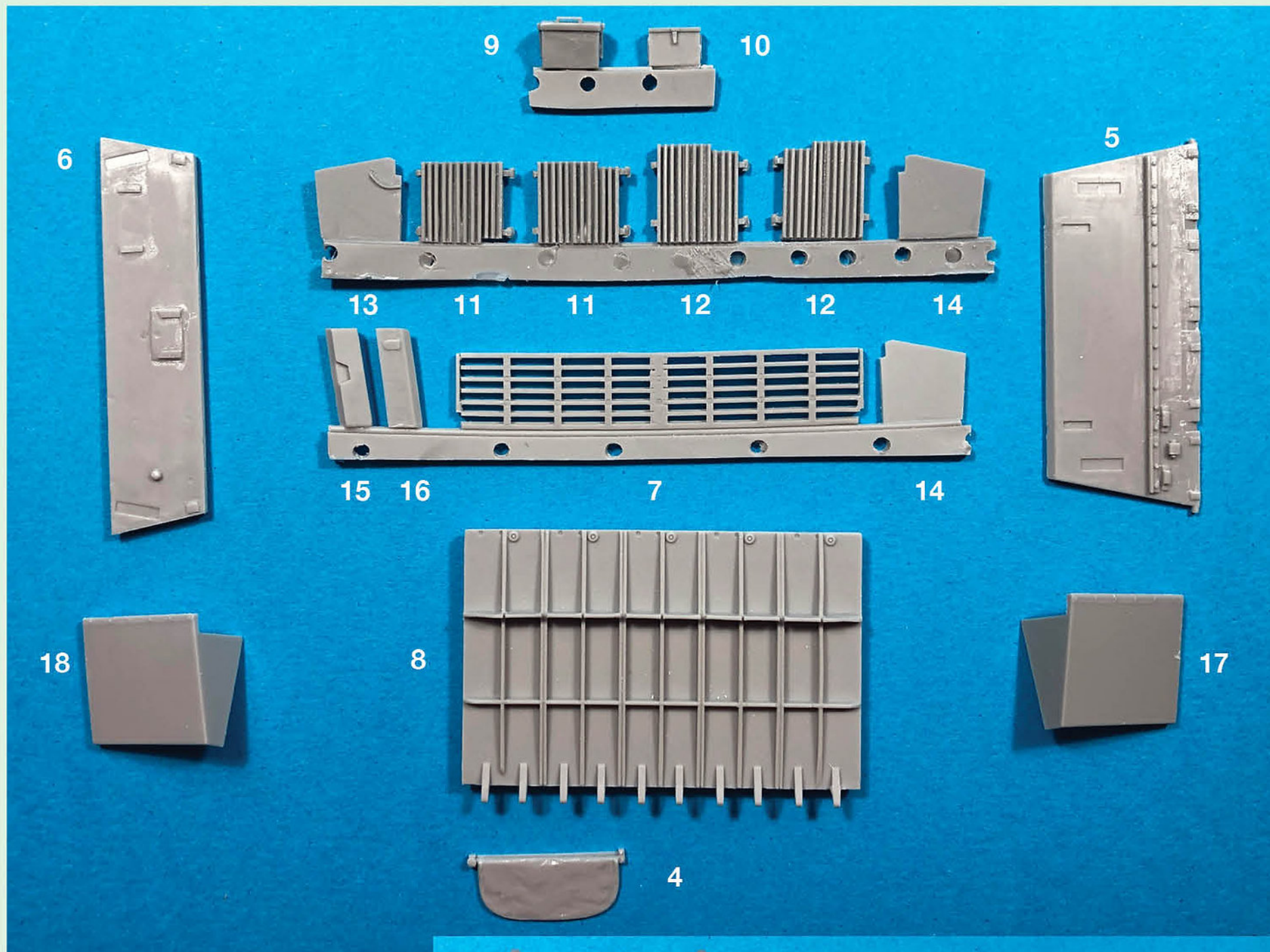


SMM3553B Centurion Mk.1 Detail Set 'Long Hull'

Intended for use with the AFV Club Centurion Mk.1

This set adds some improvements to an already great kit.

It provides a more accurate rear deck plate (taller gun-deflecting rear rib) and rear screen along with correcting the inaccurate air deflector vanes inside the rear hull, plus much easier to fit engine deck handles and other extras. The parts here accompany the **SMM3553A** turret set. All Mk.1s were built with 3-hole road wheels (**SMM3553W**).



Parts List

- 4. Covered driver's screen
- 5. Lower rear hull plate
- 6. Upper rear hull plate
- 7. Rear engine deck
- 8. Top deck plate ribbed
- 9. Internal infantry phone
- 10. First-aid box
- 11. Air deflector vane plates, outer (2)
- 12. Air deflector vanes, inner (2)
- 13. Centre divider (with lamp)
- 14. Side dividers (2)



- 15. Hull extender, left
- 16. Hull extender, right
- 17. Rear mudguard, right
- 18. Rear mudguard, left

3D-printed parts

- A 2x tracklink holders
- B 30x rear deck handles (15 needed)

Parts 1–3 are in the Mk.1 Turret Set (**SMM3553A**)

Other useful sets are:

SMM3541B Centurion Early Skirt Set.
SMM3553W Centurion Early Road Wheels (3-hole)

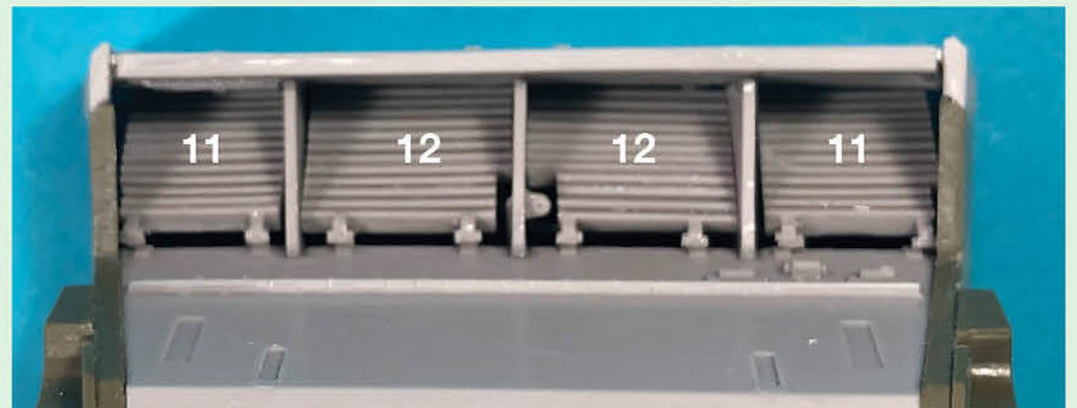
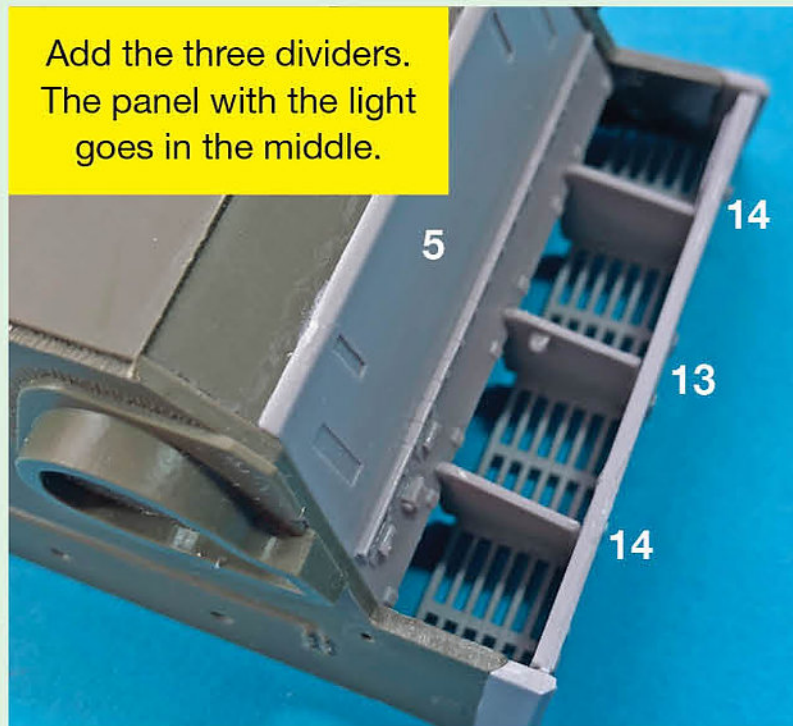
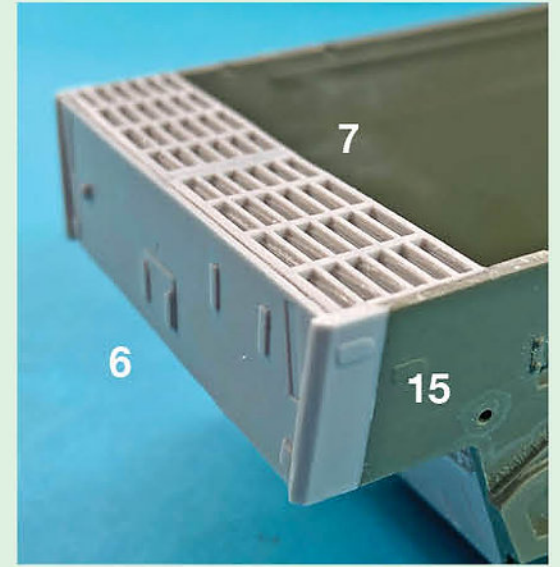
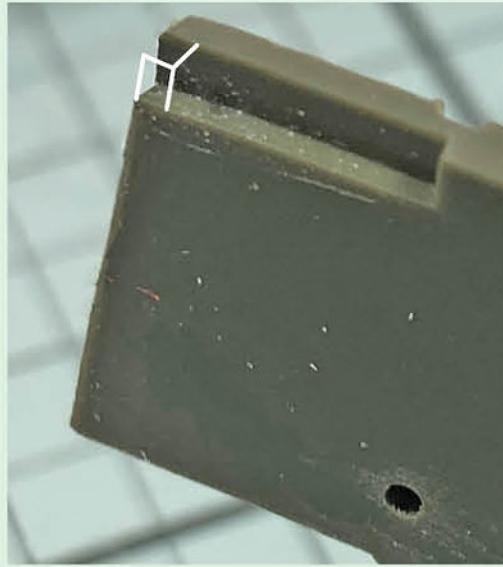
Some warping may be evident, so use hot water or a hair drier to straighten parts as necessary.
Do not bend without heating.

Damage may occur on parts with thicker casting tabs.

When removing the casting tabs, cut them off instead of snapping them off.

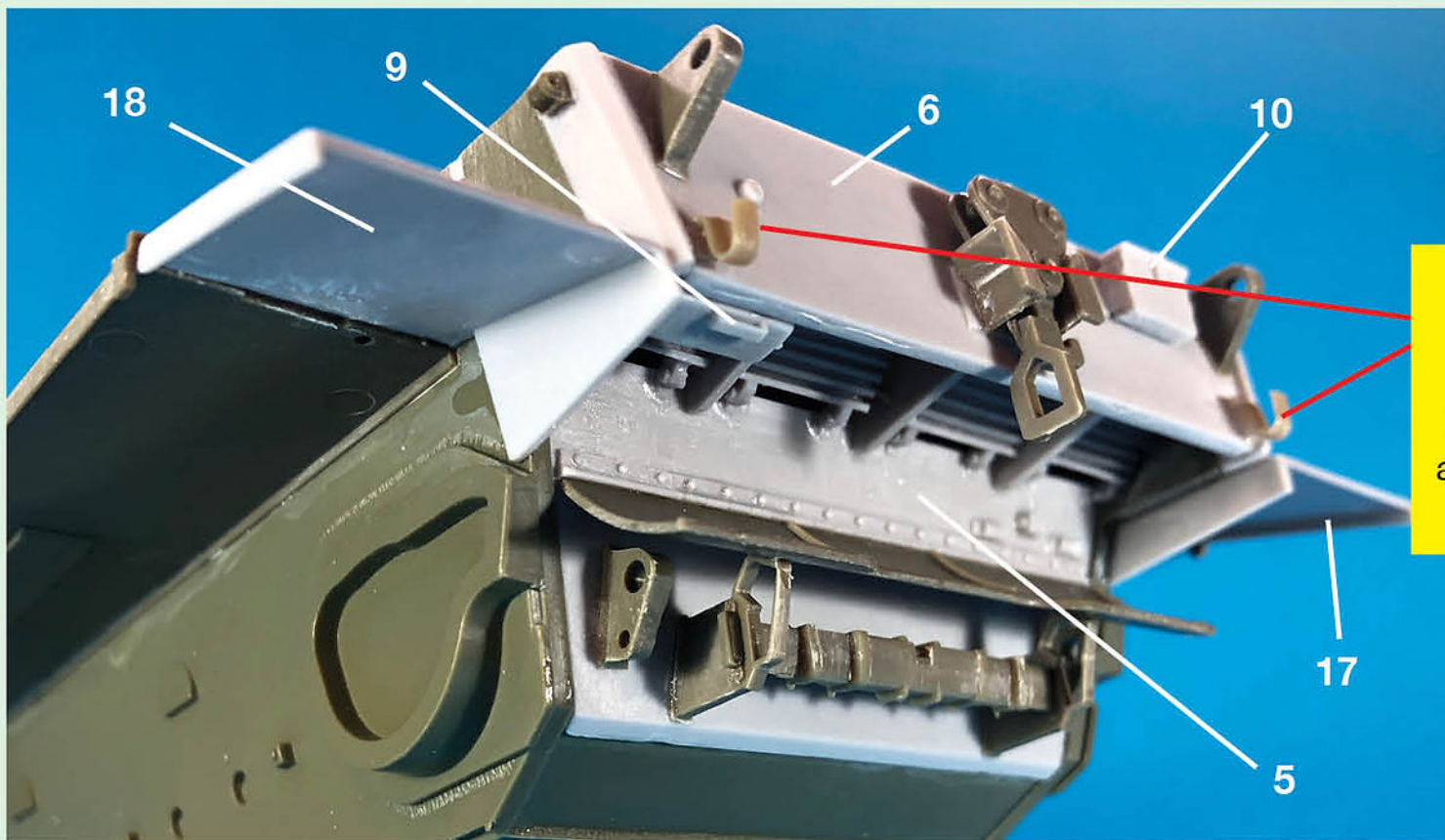
Instructions

- 1 On the kit's rear hull overhangs, file out the slot for the grille to the rear. The new grille (7) is wider (front to back) than the kit grille.
- 2 Add the new lower rear hull plate (5).
- 3 Add the two hull extensions (15 and 16) on the overhangs to create the 'long hull'.
- 4 File the ends of the new grille to fit between the hull sides.
- 5 Add the rear hull plate (6). The side armour should protrude either side. See photos of the real thing here.

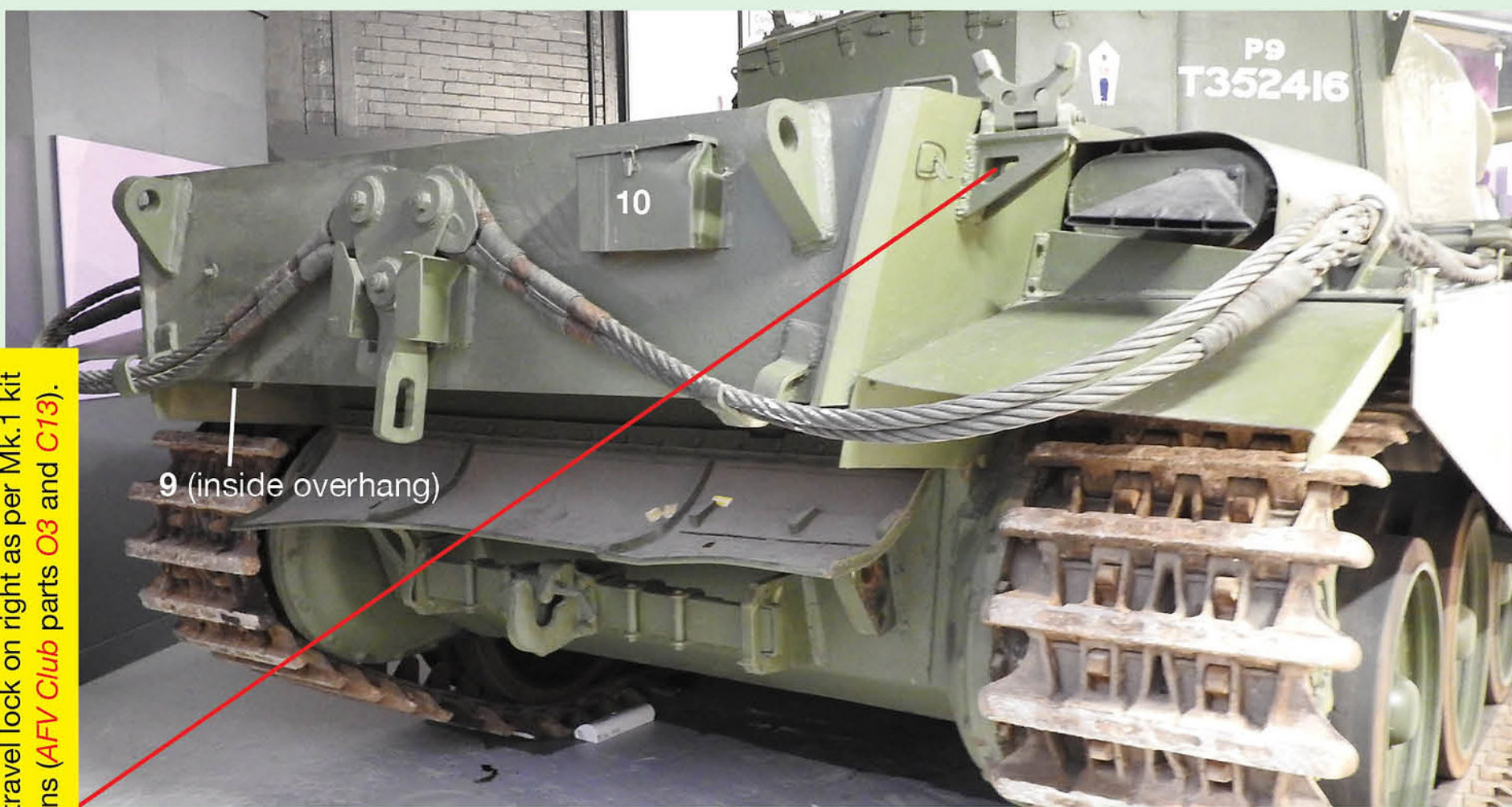


Tuck the tops of the air deflector vanes (parts 11/12) into the upper rear edge of the 'long hull'. The 'hinges' drop onto the location tabs cast onto the lower hull (5). The smaller outer panels (11) have their cut-outs on the outside. The inner panel cutouts (12) are on the inside. Enlarge the cut-out on the panel right of centre to accommodate the light.



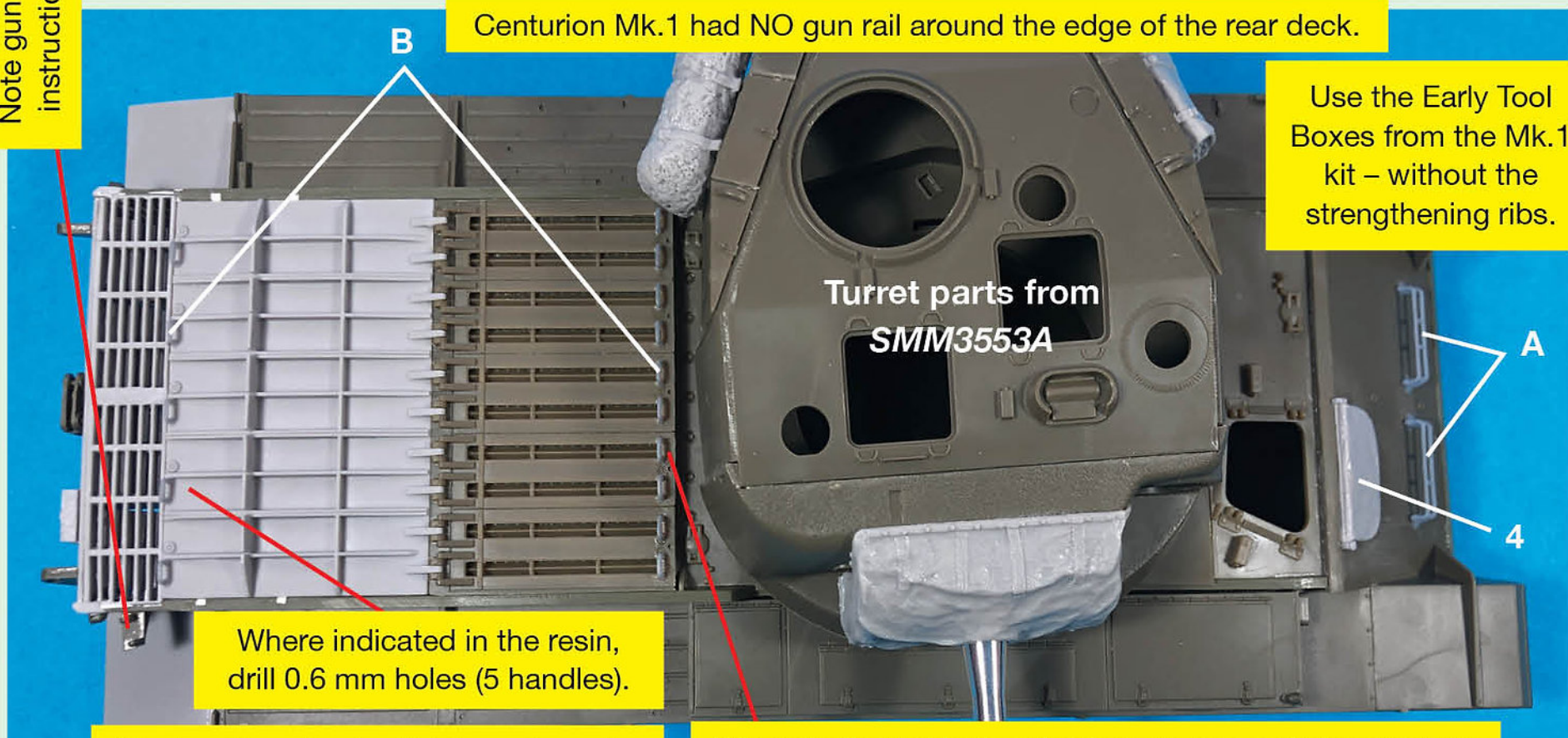


Cable hooks (AFV Club parts O11 and C12) should both be cut short and fixed at the lower hull corners at the same level.



Note gun travel lock on right as per Mk.1 kit instructions (AFV Club parts O3 and C13).

Centurion Mk.1 had NO gun rail around the edge of the rear deck.



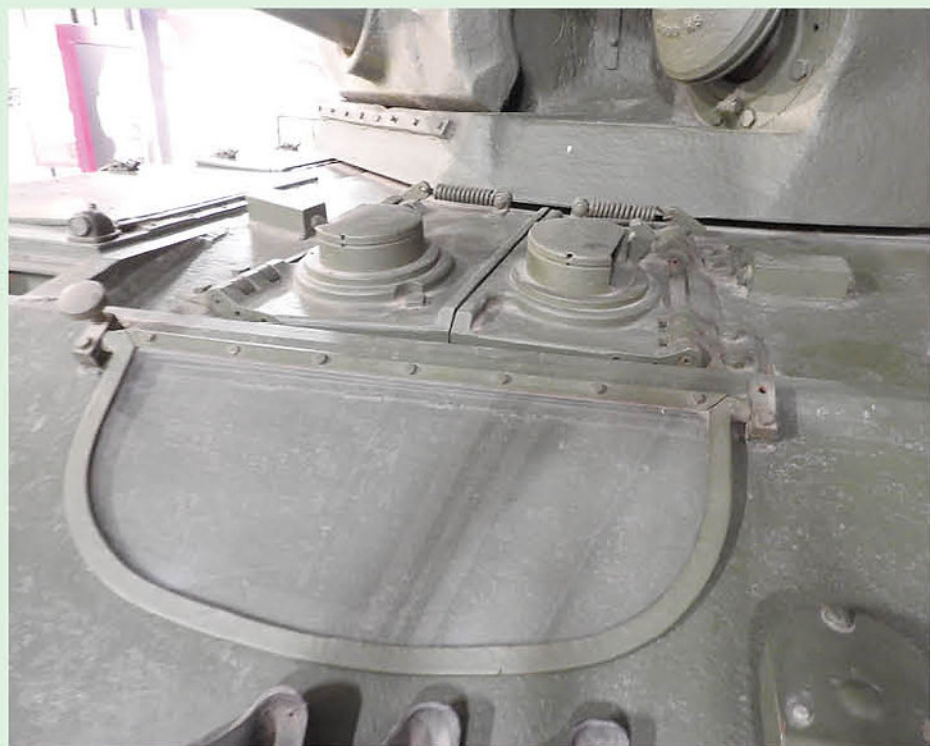
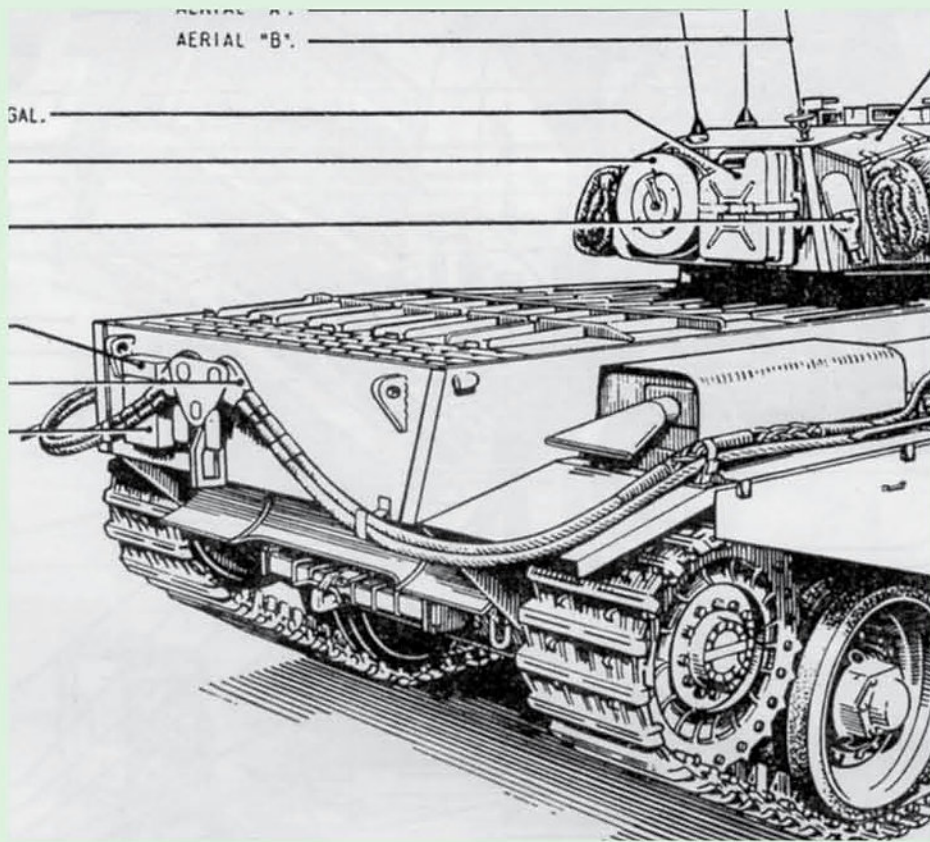
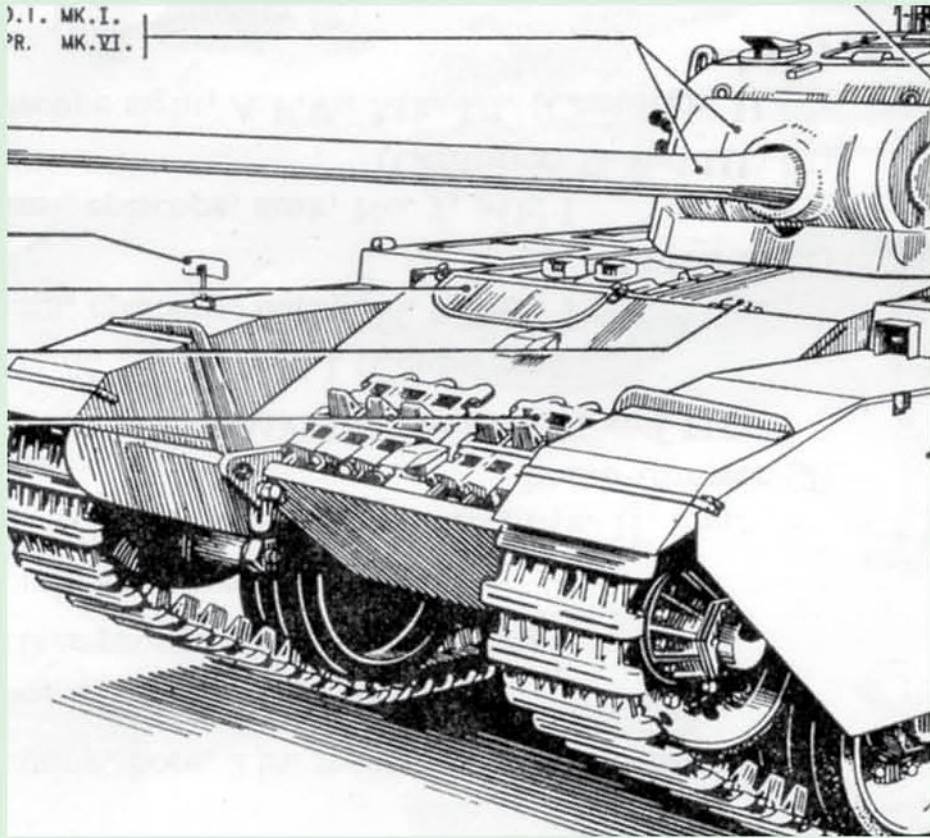
Use the Early Tool Boxes from the Mk.1 kit – without the strengthening ribs.

Turret parts from SMM3553A

Where indicated in the resin, drill 0.6 mm holes (5 handles).

The handles simply click in and can be secured using gloss varnish.

Where indicated in the plastic part, use a pin to puncture the plastic kit deck (10 handles). **Do not drill.** It will slip!



Photos from various internet sources and Michael Shackleton

Happy modelling and keep on building!

Master parts built by Andrew Crutchley

