

Weapons of Tank Battalions Illustrations

Chapter 8: Supporting Elements



111-M-1001_10: A halftrack and dispatch rider from 2/13th Armored Regiment in North Africa in November 1942. (NARA, Signal Corps film) [color photo]



111-M-1001_3: Storing maps in a reconnaissance jeep in North Africa in November 1942. (NARA, Signal Corps film)
[color photo]



SC-186584: This tank battalion from the 66th Armored Regiment, 2d Armored Division, is gathered at a marshalling area on 29 May 1944. The photo shows tanks with and without wading gear, halftracks, deuce-and-a-half cargo trucks, a T2 tank recovery vehicle, and a non-standard-issue 1/4-ton amphibian truck. (NARA, Signal Corps photo)



SC-196135-S: The M29 light cargo carrier, known as the Weasel, was not standard issue but served with some battalions in the Pacific Theater. (NARA, Signal Corps photo)



SC-118005: 1st Armored Division men in winter uniforms stand next to "Bantam cars" in early 1941. (NARA, Signal Corps photo)



SC-118454: The new 1/4-ton truck in March 1941. (NARA, Signal Corps photo)



111-ADC-3802_1: An armored unit jeep fitted out for reconnaissance in early 1945 carries a pedestal-mounted .30-caliber machine gun. (NARA, Signal Corps film)



111-M-1001_17: A jeep, probably from the battalion headquarters of 2/13th Armored Regiment, in North Africa. The machine gun is mounted forward. (NARA, Signal Corps film) [color photo]



SC-121241: Testing the 2-1/2-ton truck at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in July 1941. (NARA, Signal Corps photo)



111-ADC-2278_2: A 2d Armored Division 3/4-ton ambulance on a road in France in September 1944. (NARA, Signal Corps photo)



111-M-1001_4: A 3/4-ton weapon carrier mounting a 37mm gun (center), probably belonging to the battalion headquarters of 2/13th Armored Regiment in North Africa. A reconnaissance jeep is to the left, a deuce-and-a-half to the right, and an M3 medium tank behind the Dodge. (NARA, Signal Corps film) [color photo]



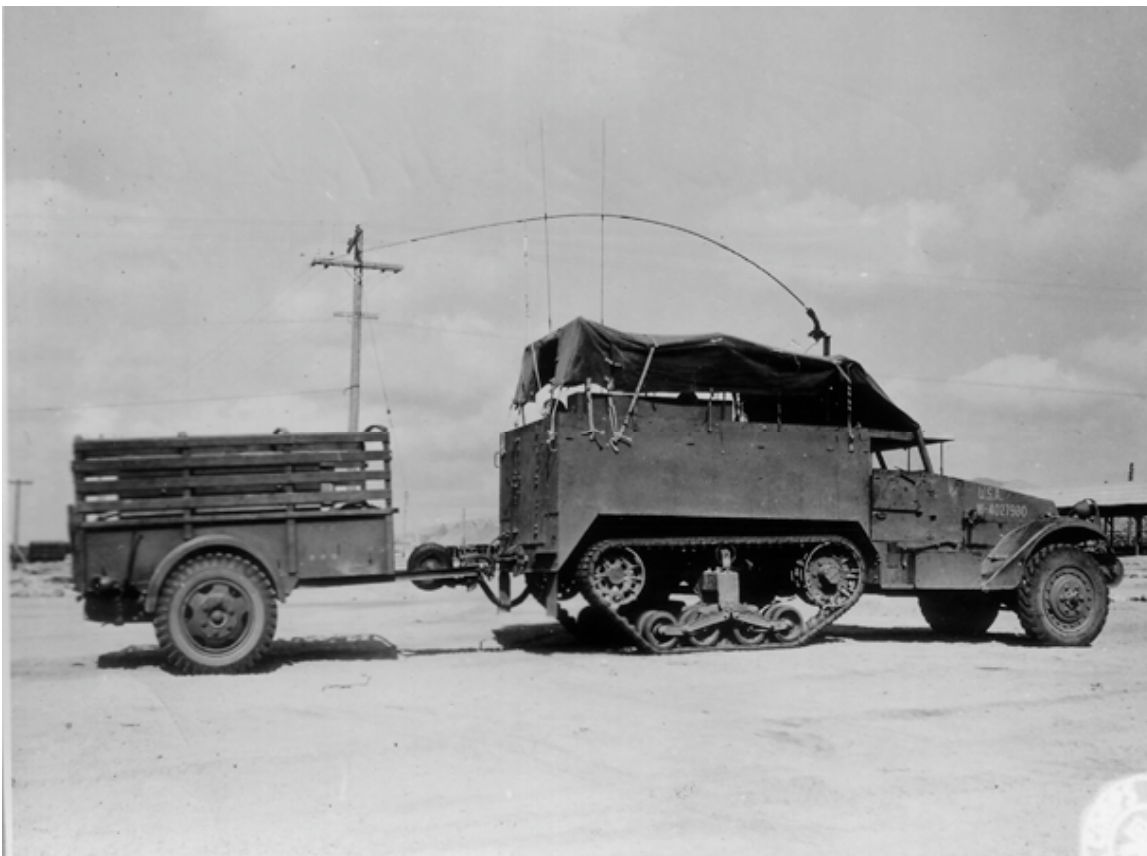
SC-120410: The M2 had a rail around the rear compartment to which several machine guns could be fixed, in this case one .50-caliber pointing to the rear and two water-cooled .30-calibers facing forward. (NARA, Signal Corps photo)



SC-123968: The M3 had a slightly longer rear compartment and a pedestal-mounted machine gun. (NARA, Signal Corps photo)



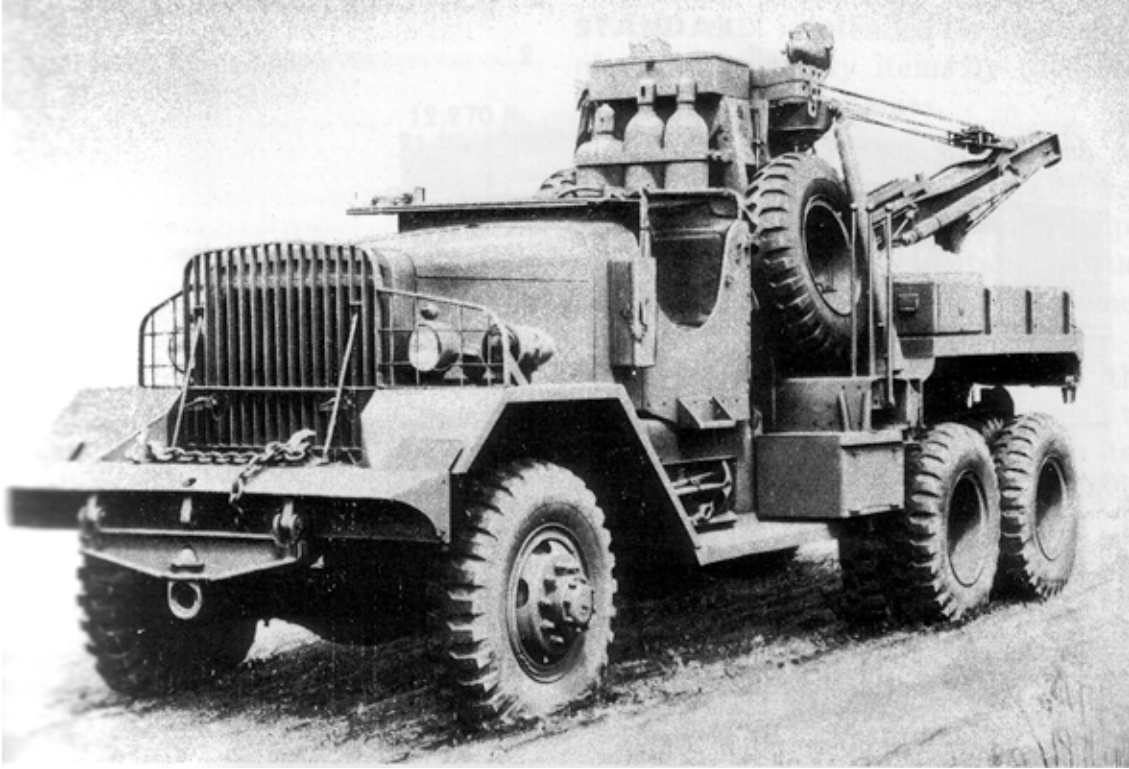
SC-198652-S: M2A1 and M3A1 halftracks added a ring mount for a .50-caliber machine gun. (NARA, Signal Corps photo)



SC-239840: An M3 command halftrack at the Desert Training Center in November 1942. (NARA, Signal Corps photo)



111-ADC-2278_1: A 2d Armored Division ambulance passes through St. Amand, France, on 2 September 1944. (NARA, Signal Corps film)



Army14: The M1 6x6 wrecker with winch was the first tank retriever. (U.S. Army photo)



111-ADC-1677_2: A 2d Armored Division T2 advances during Operation Cobra in July 1944. Note the extra .50-caliber machine gun atop the turret and what appears to be a .30-caliber below and to the right of that. (NARA, Signal Corps photo)



SC-197756: A T2 recovers a Sherman near Grosshau, Germany, in December 1944. Note the handle on the sponson door beside the fake 75mm gun. (NARA, Signal Corps photo)



SC-194536: An M32 tank retriever in France in September 1944. (NARA, Signal Corps photo)



AFB5977: A tank recovery vehicle T5E3 (development vehicle for the M32) displays the 81mm mortar when mounted. (NARA, U.S. Army photo)



111-CB-60_5: The rear winch on an LVT retriever pulls a disabled amtrac from the surf. (NARA, U.S. Army film)



111-CB-60_5: An LVT retriever sprays down a burning amtrac.
(NARA, U.S. Army film)