141st Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps Photos & Film Resources







Listed below are the main resources for 141RAC - photographs and film footage.

IWM stills:

Official photo references:

 ${\rm H}$ 18495 - H 18502 - Scenes of the regiments taking part in a display for PM Winston Churchill and others on the South Coast, April 1942.

 $\underline{\text{H}\ 37911}\ -\ \text{H}\ 37937\ -\ \text{Scenes}$ of flame thrower demonstration at Eastwell Park, April 1944. See film footage A70 11-1.

 $\underline{\text{TR 2310}}$ - TR 2313 - Colour scenes of flame thrower demonstration in Normandy, August 1944.

 $\underline{\mathtt{B}}$ 8784 - Crew of Churchill tank receive milk and cider from young French girls, August 1944.

<u>B 9671</u> - B 9691 - Scenes of flame thrower demonstration in Normandy, August 1944. See film footage A70 135-7.

<u>BU 916</u> - A Sqn Humber Scout Car STORK in Le Havre, September 1944.

<u>B 11378</u> - B 11381 - Tanks of C Sqn in s'Hertogenbosch, Holland, October 1944.

<u>B 11962</u> - Lt Stacey in his Humber Scout Car STRIDER, November 1944.

<u>B 12566</u> - B 12567 - Lt Tony Ward and his crew photographed in December 1944 before the award ceremony in January 1945.

(Note B 12567 has the names noted incorrectly, the correct order is Harris/Clare/Ward/Lynn/Parry.)

<u>B 12994</u> - B 12995 - A Sqn tank SELTZER under repair, December 1944.

 $\underline{\text{B}\ 13375}$ - B 13379 The award ceremony at Bergeijk, January 1945, for B Sqn following the action at Fort Montbarey, Brest.

<u>B 13788</u> - Maj Ryle in his command Churchill passing a Sherman with infantry in-between.

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 $\underline{\text{B} \ 13932}$ - B 13933 - A Sqn in the streets of Schilberg, Germany January 1945.

 $\underline{\text{B } 13940}$ - B 13944 - A Sqn in action at St Joost, Holland, January 1945.

HU 104170 - One of the regiment's Crocodiles knocked out in Schilberg, Germany, January 1945.
It is possible this is Cpl Emberson's tank from A Sqn, hit by a German SP gun on 18th January 1945. Three of the crew were killed - Tpr Eric Myers, Tpr Alfred Simmons and Tpr George Turland. Cpl Colin Emberson and Tpr William Redding were wounded.

 $\underline{\text{NA 21102}}$ - Although not 141RAC, probably the best illustration of the rod of FTF. (A Crocodile of 51^{st} Bn, Royal Tank Regiment in Italy, December 1944.)

IWM Collections page.

There are other official photographs that could be 141RAC, however, further research is required.

Canadian Official stills:

3206554 A138494 - a Humber Scout Car (most likely A Sqn) in the centre of Falaise, 17 August 1944. Clearly visible is the USN of 993 and the Buffs cap badge.

Library and Archives of Canada - search.

Time Life stills:

Over one hundred photos taken by David E Scherman - Time Life hosted by Google.

Keystone stills:

Two photos taken by Fred Ramage - Getty Images.

IWM film:

 $A70\ 11-1$ - film footage of the demonstration at Eastwell Park, April 1944. See stills H 37911 - H 37937.

A70 11-2 - part 2 of the above.

 $\underline{A70\ 59-1}$ - approx. mid-way, Crocodiles of 141RAC visible in the corn fields.

A70 135-7 & A70 135-8 - Scenes of flame thrower demonstration in Normandy, August 1944, possibly A Sqn. See stills B 9671 - B 9691.

A70 182-6 - shows SEAHAWK of 14 Tp, C Sqn, @ c. 01:20.

 $\underline{A70\ 182-8}$ - shows SANDLING of 13 Tp, C Sqn @ 01:52 and at 02:20 most likely C Sqn flaming at Laar outside 's-Hertogenbosch.

 $\frac{A70\ 182-9}{Sqn}$ - further footage @ c. 00:35 & c. 01:26 of C Sqn in action around 's-Hertogenbosch.

 $\underline{A70\ 187-2}$ - from 00:00, a fast-moving column of tanks headed by a Troop of C Sqn on the road from Dongen to Oosterhout.

 $\frac{A70\ 190-2}{00:00}$ - Crocodile of A Sqn reverses to camera from 00:00, later @ c. 00:46 flame is being shot across a canal in the distance.

 $\frac{A70\ 190-3}{angles}$ - same actions as above from different

 $\underline{A70\ 213-5}$ - although footage of 1st Fife & Forfar Crocodiles, it provides a good view of tanks and men harboured up.

 $\underline{\tt S15}$ 58 - From c. 05:20 film about flame throwers and from c. 05:44 Crocodile trailers being manufactured at the factory. Provides a good view of the flame tanks with the nitrogen bottle brackets in-between.

 $\frac{\text{WOY }770}{\text{c. }05:26}$, the dark 'rod' of fuel within the flame can be seen @ c. 06:00.

<u>WPN 196</u> - war news footage including Crocodiles @ 07:17 and repeat footage across the canal. From c. 09:15 is interesting footage of a Sherman tank crew from $3^{\rm rd}$ Royal Tank Regiment wearing the winter Oversuits, Tank Crews that men of 141RAC also wore that winter.

WPN 201 - footage showing a Crocodile in snowy
conditions @ c. 00:39

IWM Collections page.

Pathé News film:

Footage showing a Crocodile in Cleve fitted with a hedgerow cutter @ c. 02:05. Only B Sqn 141RAC are currently known to have had the cutters fitted when they were sent to Brest to support the US forces there - West Front War Report 1945 - Pathé

Footage Farm
Public Domain
Films:

<u>Film footage</u> of the awards ceremony at Bergeijk courtesy of Footage Farm and link provided by G J van Glabbeek.

Local Dutch footage:

Footage taken by Mr Koot of Deventer, April 1945, showing Crocodiles travelling in the area of Brinkgreverweg/Veenweg @ c. 01:38. Further research required to determine if 141RAC and if so which Sqn.

Hosted on YouTube

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