

## ROYAL TANK REGIMENT VEHICLE NAMES

Introduction:

The following are lists of the names and call signs given to vehicles of the battalions of the Royal Tank Regiment. These lists have been collated by Tim Neate and has been published previously in 'Dragon', the newsletter of the South Wales Branch MAFVA. Although these are the names used in the year indicated, students of tanks and the RTR will notice that many names date from the First World War, and have been in continuous use since. Some names have been inherited from disbanded battalions, others from amalgamations. Thus, if a known RTR name is seen in a photograph of a WW2 tank it *may* be evidence that the tank is being operated by an RTR Battalion.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

Vehicle Names (1995)

#### HQ Squadron

| Vehicle Type        | Callsign | Name                           |
|---------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Chieftan/Challenger | 11B      | TOBRUK                         |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 22B      | ARRAS                          |
| Sultan              | 0B       | SIR HUGH ELLES                 |
| Sultan              | 0C       | SIR ERNEST SWINTON             |
| Sultan              | 0D       | SIR PERCY HOBART               |
| Sultan              | 0E       | VISCOUNT MONTGOMERY OF ALAMEIN |
| Spartan (Rebro)     | 21B      | FIELD MARSHAL LORD CARVER      |
| CO Landrover        | 11A      | EL ALAMEIN                     |
| 2IC Landrover       | 22A      | ALAM EL HALFA                  |
| RSM Landrover       | 33       | KNIGHTSBRIDGE                  |

#### Recce Troop

|          |     |              |
|----------|-----|--------------|
| Scimitar | 21  | WAIN VC      |
| Scimitar | 21A | WEST VC      |
| Scimitar | 22  | SEWELL VC    |
| Scimitar | 22A | ROBERTSON VC |
| Scimitar | 23  | GARDNER VC   |
| Scimitar | 23A | FOOTE VC     |
| Scimitar | 24  | NAUGHTON VC  |
| Scimitar | 24A | YOUNG VC     |

#### A1 and A2 Echelon

|               |     |             |
|---------------|-----|-------------|
| Sultan (A1)   | 23  | ADJEDABIA   |
| Sultan (A2)   | 21A | ARROMANCHES |
| 432 Ambulance | 14B | GRAVEDIGGER |
| OC Landrover  | 31  | DOSSAL      |

|                  |     |              |
|------------------|-----|--------------|
| MO Landrover     | 14  | DOCTOR       |
| QM Landrover     | 23  | DASHING      |
| QM (T) Landrover | 41  | SALERNO      |
| SQMS Landrover   | 23A | GAZALA       |
| MTO Landrover    | 24  | HUMMING BIRD |

Main LAD

|                          |     |            |
|--------------------------|-----|------------|
| ASM Landrover            | 13  | APHRODYTE  |
| Spartan                  | 13A | DIGGER     |
| FV434/Warrior Repair     | 13B | RHINE      |
| Chieftan/Challenger ARRV | 13C | GARAGE     |
| Samson (Recce Troop)     | 13D | GULLIVER   |
| Spartan (Recce Troop)    | 13E | DIPLODICUS |
| Foden Recovery           | 31E | DOBBIN     |

A Squadron

SHQ

|                          |     |           |
|--------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Chieftan/Challenger(OC)  | 0B  | ABDULLAH  |
| Chieftan/Challenger(2ic) | 0C  | ARGYLLE   |
| Chieftan/Challenger      | 0D  | ACHILLES  |
| Spartan (SSM)            | 33A | ARABIA    |
| 432 Ambulance            | 14B | ANDROMEDA |
| OC Landrover             | 11B | ANGUSTURA |
| SQMS Landrover           | 23A | ALBION    |
| SQMS (T) Landrover       | 23B | ANNE      |

1<sup>st</sup> Troop

|                     |    |            |
|---------------------|----|------------|
| Chieftan/Challenger | 10 | AJAX       |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 11 | ACE        |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 12 | AGGRESSIVE |

2<sup>nd</sup> Troop

|                     |    |           |
|---------------------|----|-----------|
| Chieftan/Challenger | 20 | ADSUN     |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 21 | ARETHUSA  |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 22 | ALBATROSS |

3<sup>rd</sup> Troop

|                     |    |         |
|---------------------|----|---------|
| Chieftan/Challenger | 30 | APOLYON |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 31 | AMAZON  |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 32 | ARTEMIS |

LAD

|                      |     |             |
|----------------------|-----|-------------|
| FV432                | 24A | ADVENTURESS |
| FV432/434            | 24B | ARMAGH      |
| FV434/Warrior Repair | 24C | ATLAS       |

Chieftan/Challenger ARRV 24D ARGOS

D Squadron

SHQ

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Chieftan/Challenger(OC) 0B  | ROYAL SOVEREIGN |
| Chieftan/Challenger(2ic) 0C | DAUPHINE        |
| Chieftan/Challenger 0D      | DEWAR           |
| Spartan (SSM) 33A           | DESERT RAT      |
| 432 Ambulance 14B           | DINOSAUR        |
| OC Landrover 11B            | DIRK            |
| SQMS Landrover 23A          | DING DONG       |
| SQMS (T) Landrover 23B      | DOLLY           |

1<sup>st</sup> Troop

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Chieftan/Challenger 10 | DELVILLE WOOD |
| Chieftan/Challenger 11 | DARING        |
| Chieftan/Challenger 12 | DRAGON        |

2<sup>nd</sup> Troop

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Chieftan/Challenger 20 | DINNAKEN |
| Chieftan/Challenger 21 | DUNBAR   |
| Chieftan/Challenger 22 | DANDER   |

3<sup>rd</sup> Troop

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Chieftan/Challenger 30 | DOMINANT    |
| Chieftan/Challenger 31 | DREADNOUGHT |
| Chieftan/Challenger 32 | DAKEYNE     |

LAD

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| FV432 24A                    | DEFT    |
| FV432/434 24B                | DIEHARD |
| FV434/Warrior Repair 24C     | DHALA   |
| Chieftan/Challenger ARRV 24D | DACTYL  |

G Squadron

SHQ

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Chieftan/Challenger(OC) 0B  | GLENGARRY  |
| Chieftan/Challenger(2ic) 0C | GUISLEY    |
| Chieftan/Challenger 0D      | GOG        |
| Spartan (SSM) 33A           | GORDON     |
| 432 Ambulance 14B           | GRENADINE  |
| OC Landrover 11B            | GARGOYLE   |
| SQMS Landrover 23A          | GORGONZOLA |
| SQMS (T) Landrover 23B      | GLADYS     |

1<sup>st</sup> Troop

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Chieftan/Challenger 10 | GALWAY |
|------------------------|--------|

|                     |    |        |
|---------------------|----|--------|
| Chieftan/Challenger | 11 | GINA   |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 12 | GUNNER |

2<sup>nd</sup> Troop

|                     |    |           |
|---------------------|----|-----------|
| Chieftan/Challenger | 20 | GLASGOW   |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 21 | GLENLIVET |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 22 | GIGGLE    |

3<sup>rd</sup> Troop

|                     |    |          |
|---------------------|----|----------|
| Chieftan/Challenger | 30 | GRANTHAM |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 31 | GOSSIP   |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 32 | GROUSE   |

LAD

|                         |     |           |
|-------------------------|-----|-----------|
| FV432                   | 24A | GULLAH    |
| FV432/434               | 24B | GAZEKA    |
| FV434/Warrior Repair    | 24C | GALATEA   |
| Chieftan/Challenger ARR | 24D | GLADIATOR |

H Squadron

SHQ

|                          |     |               |
|--------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Chieftan/Challenger(OC)  | 0B  | HECTOR        |
| Chieftan/Challenger(2ic) | 0C  | HERMIT        |
| Chieftan/Challenger      | 0D  | HILDA         |
| Spartan (SSM)            | 33A | HEILAN LADDIE |
| 432 Ambulance            | 14B | HELEN         |
| OC Landrover             | 11B | HARRIER       |
| SQMS Landrover           | 23A | HARVESTER     |
| SQMS (T) Landrover       | 23B | HARROGATE     |

1<sup>st</sup> Troop

|                     |    |         |
|---------------------|----|---------|
| Chieftan/Challenger | 10 | HADRIAN |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 11 | HOTSPUR |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 12 | HERMOSA |

2<sup>nd</sup> Troop

|                     |    |           |
|---------------------|----|-----------|
| Chieftan/Challenger | 20 | HARLECH   |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 21 | HARLEQUIN |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 22 | HUGUENOT  |

3<sup>rd</sup> Troop

|                     |    |          |
|---------------------|----|----------|
| Chieftan/Challenger | 30 | HIAWATHA |
|---------------------|----|----------|

|                     |    |          |
|---------------------|----|----------|
| Chieftan/Challenger | 31 | HYPATHIA |
| Chieftan/Challenger | 32 | HYENA    |

LAD

|                          |     |          |
|--------------------------|-----|----------|
| FV432                    | 24A | HAWKE    |
| FV432/434                | 24B | HONFLEUR |
| FV434/Warrior Repair     | 24C | HYDRA    |
| Chieftan/Challenger ARRV | 24D | HERCULES |

**2nd ROYAL TANK REGIMENT**

Vehicle Names 1996

F (HQ) Squadron

Command Troop

|                  |     |              |
|------------------|-----|--------------|
| Challenger (CO)  | 11B | CAMBRAI      |
| Challenger (2ic) | 22B | NOMAD        |
| Sultan           | 0B  | POWEY        |
| Sultan           | 0C  | FIVE KNIGHTS |
| Sultan           | 0D  | FAITH        |
| Sultan           | 0E  | FIEND        |
| Spartan (Rebro)  | 21B | FROLIC       |

Echelon

|                 |     |          |
|-----------------|-----|----------|
| Sultan (Rebro)  | 21C | FARALONE |
| Sultan (Ech CV) | 42C | FALMOUTH |
| Samaritan (RAP) | 14B | FIFE     |

Main LAD

|                       |     |                  |
|-----------------------|-----|------------------|
| FV432                 | 13  | FUMS UP          |
| Warrior Repair        | 13C | FREE MASON       |
| Challenger ARRV       | 13D | FOLLOW THE CROWD |
| Samson (Recce Troop)  | 24B | FIXER            |
| Spartan (Recce Troop) | 24C | FAIRY            |

Recce Troop

|          |     |           |
|----------|-----|-----------|
| Scimitar | 21  | FEARLESS  |
| Scimitar | 21A | FANNY     |
| Scimitar | 22  | FEROCIOUS |
| Scimitar | 22A | FINDER    |
| Scimitar | 23  | FURIOUS   |
| Scimitar | 23A | FIREFLY   |

|          |     |              |
|----------|-----|--------------|
| Scimitar | 24  | FLAMING FIRE |
| Scimitar | 24A | FOLLOWER     |

### B Squadron

#### SHQ

|                  |     |            |
|------------------|-----|------------|
| Challenger (OC)  | 0B  | BULLDOG    |
| Challenger (2ic) | 0C  | BOGEY      |
| Challenger       | 0D  | BANDIT     |
| Spartan (SSM)    | 33A | BADGER     |
| Samaritan        | 14B | BLOODSTONE |

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Troop

|            |    |         |
|------------|----|---------|
| Challenger | 10 | BUFFALO |
| Challenger | 11 | BEAR    |
| Challenger | 12 | BISON   |

#### 2nd Troop

|            |    |            |
|------------|----|------------|
| Challenger | 20 | BANSHEE    |
| Challenger | 21 | BOHEMIAN   |
| Challenger | 22 | BEELZEBUUB |

#### 3rd Troop

|            |    |           |
|------------|----|-----------|
| Challenger | 30 | BUCCANEER |
| Challenger | 31 | BARBARIAN |
| Challenger | 32 | BARON     |

#### LAD

|                  |     |             |
|------------------|-----|-------------|
| FV432            | 24A | BRIGAND     |
| Warrior Repair   | 24B | BLACK ARROW |
| Challenger ARR V | 24C | BACK SLIDER |
| FV434            | 24D | BELLADONNA  |

### C Squadron

#### SHQ

|                  |     |                |
|------------------|-----|----------------|
| Challenger (OC)  | 0B  | CYCLOPS        |
| Challenger (2ic) | 0C  | CYNIC          |
| Challenger       | 0D  | COMMUNIQUE     |
| Spartan (SSM)    | 33A | COLLUDEN       |
| Samaritan        | 14B | CUIDICH'N RIGH |

1<sup>st</sup> Troop

|            |    |            |
|------------|----|------------|
| Challenger | 10 | CONQUEROR  |
| Challenger | 11 | CHALLENGER |
| Challenger | 12 | COMET      |

2nd Troop

|            |    |          |
|------------|----|----------|
| Challenger | 20 | CAESAR   |
| Challenger | 21 | CLAUDIUS |
| Challenger | 22 | CALIGULA |

3rd Troop

|            |    |         |
|------------|----|---------|
| Challenger | 30 | CASSINO |
| Challenger | 31 | CALAIS  |
| Challenger | 32 | CAEN    |

LAD

|                 |     |            |
|-----------------|-----|------------|
| FV432           | 24A | CLEOPATRA  |
| Warrior Repair  | 24B | CRAB       |
| Challenger ARRV | 24C | CROCODILE  |
| FV434           | 24D | CRUSTACEAN |

E Squadron

SHQ

|                  |     |              |
|------------------|-----|--------------|
| Challenger (OC)  | 0B  | EXTERMINATOR |
| Challenger (2ic) | 0C  | EXCELLENT    |
| Challenger       | 0D  | EFFECTIVE    |
| Spartan (SSM)    | 33A | EAGLE        |
| Samaritan        | 14B | ESCORT       |

1<sup>st</sup> Troop

|            |    |            |
|------------|----|------------|
| Challenger | 10 | ENDURANCE  |
| Challenger | 11 | ENTERPRISE |
| Challenger | 12 | ENCOURAGE  |

2nd Troop

|            |    |             |
|------------|----|-------------|
| Challenger | 20 | EXECUTIONER |
| Challenger | 21 | ECLIPSE     |
| Challenger | 22 | ELUSIVE     |

3rd Troop

|            |    |         |
|------------|----|---------|
| Challenger | 30 | EXETER  |
| Challenger | 31 | EXMOUTH |
| Challenger | 32 | EXMOOR  |

LAD

|       |     |         |
|-------|-----|---------|
| FV432 | 24A | EMPEROR |
|-------|-----|---------|

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Warrior Repair  | 24B EQUATOR  |
| Challenger ARRV | 24C EXPLORER |
| FV434           | 24D EDEN     |

### 4<sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

Vehicle Names (1983)

#### G (HQ) Squadron

##### Command Troop

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Chieftan (CO)     | 0D DOSSALI      |
| Chieftan (2ic)    | 0E DOLPHIN      |
| Sultan/FV432 Comd | 0A DOMINANT     |
| Sultan/FV432 Comd | 0B D-DAY DODGER |
| Sultan/FV432 Comd | 0C DOON         |
| Ferret (RSO)      | 92 DOUGLAS      |
| Ferret (LO)       | 94 DONOVAN      |
| Ferret (RSM)      | 95 DOUNE        |
| FV432 Ambulance   | 83A DUNCAN      |

Spare: DUNBLANE, DOCTOR

##### Recce Troop

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Scorpion | 61 DESIRE         |
| Scorpion | 61A DELVILLE WOOD |
| Scorpion | 62 DRADER         |
| Scorpion | 62A DALMALLY      |
| Scorpion | 63 DAR ABU TUHAYF |
| Scorpion | 63A DOUGHTY       |
| Scorpion | 64 DUTIFUL        |
| Scorpion | 64A DUMFRIES      |

##### GW (Swingfire) Troop

|        |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| Ferret | 50 DOOM          |
| Ferret | 50A DENNY        |
| FV438  | 51 DEVERON       |
| FV438  | 51A DAVINGTON    |
| FV438  | 51B DARVEL       |
| FV438  | 52 DALLYCROSS    |
| FV438  | 52A DAILLY       |
| FV438  | 52B DALISBERG    |
| FV438  | 53 DALMELLINGTON |
| FV438  | 53A DALBEATTIE   |
| FV438  | 53B DALEAGLES    |



Main LAD

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| FV432            | T88C DINGLE  |
| Samson           | 68 DING DONG |
| Leyland Recovery | DOBBIN       |
| Centurion ARV    | 88R ?        |

MT

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Stalwart | DALKEITH |
| Stalwart | DINGWALL |
| Stalwart | DEE      |
| Stalwart | DINET    |
| Stalwart | DERVAIG  |
| Stalwart | DALMENY  |
| Stalwart | DEARN    |

MT

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Stalwart | DUNKELD  |
| Stalwart | DUNBAR   |
| Stalwart | DALLAS   |
| Stalwart | DALRY    |
| Stalwart | DUNDEE   |
| Stalwart | DIBIDALE |
| Stalwart | DENHOLM  |

A Squadron

SHQ

|                 |     |          |
|-----------------|-----|----------|
| Chieftan (OC)   | 1A  | DALRIADA |
| Chieftan (2ic)  | 1B  | DAUPHINE |
| Ferret (SSM)    | 19C | DAMSEL   |
| FV432 Ambulance | 19F | DAEDALUS |

1<sup>st</sup>-Troop

|          |     |           |
|----------|-----|-----------|
| Chieftan | 11  | DASHING   |
| Chieftan | 11A | DARING    |
| Chieftan | 11B | DAUNTLESS |

2<sup>nd</sup>-Troop

|          |     |           |
|----------|-----|-----------|
| Chieftan | 12  | DAZZLING  |
| Chieftan | 12A | DANGEROUS |
| Chieftan | 12B | DANDER    |

3<sup>rd</sup>-Troop

|          |     |         |
|----------|-----|---------|
| Chieftan | 13  | DAVID   |
| Chieftan | 13A | DARIUS  |
| Chieftan | 13B | DAKEYNE |

4<sup>th</sup>-Troop

|          |     |          |
|----------|-----|----------|
| Chieftan | 14  | DANAE    |
| Chieftan | 14A | DAHLIA   |
| Chieftan | 14B | DAFFODIL |

LAD

|              |     |        |
|--------------|-----|--------|
| FV432        | 18  | DANCER |
| Chieftan ARV | 18A | DACTYL |
| FV434        | 18B | DAINTY |

Spare: DANDY, DAREDEVIL, DAMNATION, DAGGER, DARBY, DART, DATO.

B Squadron

SHQ

|                 |     |                 |
|-----------------|-----|-----------------|
| Chieftan (OC)   | 2A  | ROYAL SOVEREIGN |
| Chieftan (2ic)  | 2B  | DEWAR           |
| Ferret (SSM)    | 29C | DERWENT         |
| FV432 Ambulance | 29F | DEMIGOD         |

1<sup>st</sup> Troop

|          |     |            |
|----------|-----|------------|
| Chieftan | 21  | DEBONAIR   |
| Chieftan | 21A | DELIBERATE |
| Chieftan | 21B | DETERMINED |

2nd Troop

|          |     |            |
|----------|-----|------------|
| Chieftan | 22  | DEFIANCE   |
| Chieftan | 22A | DESPATCH   |
| Chieftan | 22B | DERRING-DO |

3rd Troop

|          |     |            |
|----------|-----|------------|
| Chieftan | 23  | DEFENDER   |
| Chieftan | 23A | DELAYER    |
| Chieftan | 23B | DEMOLISHER |

4th Troop

|          |     |        |
|----------|-----|--------|
| Chieftan | 24  | DEMON  |
| Chieftan | 24A | DEADLY |
| Chieftan | 24B | DEVIL  |

LAD

|              |     |            |
|--------------|-----|------------|
| FV432        | 28  | DEFT       |
| Chieftan ARV | 28A | DEPENDABLE |
| FV434        | 28B | DELVER     |

Spare: DEACON, DECISIVE, DETERRANT, DEMOCRAT, DEVOUT, DENIS, DEITY, DÉTENTE, DECUMAN, DENIZEN.

C Squadron

SHQ

|                |    |          |
|----------------|----|----------|
| Chieftan (OC)  | 3A | DIRECTOR |
| Chieftan (2ic) | 3B | DIANA    |

|                             |     |               |
|-----------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Ferret (SSM)                | 39C | DIPLOMAT      |
| FV432 Ambulance             | 39F | DINGO         |
| <u>1<sup>st</sup>-Troop</u> |     |               |
| Chieftan                    | 31  | DINNAKEN      |
| Chieftan                    | 31A | DILLIGENCE    |
| Chieftan                    | 31B | DISDAIN       |
| <u>2<sup>nd</sup>-Troop</u> |     |               |
| Chieftan                    | 32  | DIKTATOR      |
| Chieftan                    | 32A | DIEHARD       |
| Chieftan                    | 32B | DINKUM        |
| <u>3<sup>rd</sup>-Troop</u> |     |               |
| Chieftan                    | 33  | DIRIGIBLE     |
| Chieftan                    | 33A | DISTINCTIVE   |
| Chieftan                    | 33B | DISTINGUISHED |
| <u>4<sup>th</sup>-Troop</u> |     |               |
| Chieftan                    | 34  | DINOSAUR      |
| Chieftan                    | 34A | DIPLODICUS    |
| Chieftan                    | 34B | DINOTHERE     |
| <u>LAD</u>                  |     |               |
| FV432                       | 38  | DIGGER        |
| Chieftan ARV                | 38A | DIPLOCK       |
| FV434                       | 38B | DISCIPLE      |

Spare: DIABLO, DIADEM, DIAMANTE, DIGNATARY, DICOLETHIAN, DIDO, DIOMENES, DIAMOND, DIRK, DIPPER.

D Squadron

SHQ

|                 |     |            |
|-----------------|-----|------------|
| Chieftan (OC)   | 4A  | DESERT RAT |
| Chieftan (2ic)  | 4B  | DRYBOROUGH |
| Ferret (SSM)    | 49C | DUNIWASSAL |
| FV432 Ambulance | 49F | DUDA       |

1<sup>st</sup>-Troop

|          |     |       |
|----------|-----|-------|
| Chieftan | 41  | DHALA |
| Chieftan | 41A | DELHI |
| Chieftan | 41B | DYAK  |

2<sup>nd</sup>-Troop

|          |     |             |
|----------|-----|-------------|
| Chieftan | 42  | DREADNOUGHT |
| Chieftan | 42A | DROCOURT    |
| Chieftan | 42B | DENIKEN     |

3rd-Troop

|          |     |              |
|----------|-----|--------------|
| Chieftan | 43  | DESSART WOOD |
| Chieftan | 43A | DRAMBUIE     |
| Chieftan | 43B | DOLLY        |

4th-Troop

|          |     |           |
|----------|-----|-----------|
| Chieftan | 44  | DIABAIG   |
| Chieftan | 44A | DURNESS   |
| Chieftan | 44B | DUMBARTON |

LAD

|              |     |        |
|--------------|-----|--------|
| FV432        | 48  | DOMART |
| Chieftan ARV | 48A | DRAGON |
| FV434        | 48B | DURBAN |