



One other German wartime tank at the show was a freshly restored Panzer III brought along to the show by The Tank Museum.

The Allies were well represented with numerous armoured and soft skin vehicles arranged in a variety of encampments around the massive Detling site. It seemed like there were as many American half-tracks as other vehicles, with plenty of Jeeps, Dodges and GMCs in support, not to mention a White Scout Car and a pair of M24 Chaffee tank in the 'American Sector'.

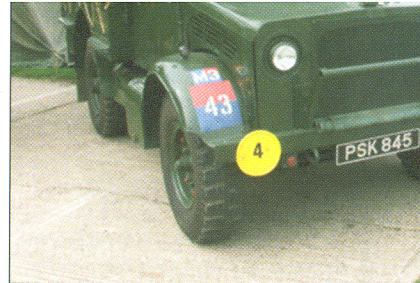
The 'British sector', based in and around Murrain Wood as usual, held some equally superb displays, although the poor lighting conditions within the woods themselves made it difficult to photograph

some of them, especially with the cloudy, overcast conditions during the day of my visit. I particularly liked some of the airborne forces displays, but another display that caught my eye was one involving a group of American girls who were quite literally airing their 'Clean' linen in public, with various items of ladies undergarments hung on a washing line between a GMC medical truck and their tent. It certainly raised a few eyebrows and probably a few temperatures!

At various points around the site were a selection of military vehicles displayed in their own right and not as part of a living history set up, but I have to say that compared to previous years it would appear that more and more of the vehicles are starting to be displayed as part of a living history set up, which has got to be a good thing for the show as a whole.

HISTORICAL ACCURACY

Military Odyssey prides itself on the historical accuracy of the exhibits and this year's exhibitors did them proud, with those present taking every opportunity to faithfully reproduce their chosen outfit to a point where I doubt they would be



indistinguishable from the real thing if they had travelled back in time. Visitors often comment on how good the vehicles and re-enactors look, but I doubt if they fully appreciate just how much time, effort and indeed money is spent in achieving these spectacular results. I feel that I must congratulate all those who attended the show and took the time and effort to represent their own piece of history so well; it's much appreciated by we, the visitors.

I'll be bringing you the second part of our report from Military Odyssey next month when I'll be looking at some of the post-war vehicles in attendance, but until then enjoy the images from show.

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