Equipment stowage on the Daimler Ferret

As with everything else in the army, there was an official way of doing things, and a manual or a set of drawings to support this. Needless to say, there wasn't (and still isn't!) enough room to carry all the kit accrued by soldiers, and so you'll come across photos of Ferrets in service, as well as those on the civilian circuit, with equipment stowed in all sorts of places and festooned off the hull and decks.



As early as 1954, a report on crew efficiency and comfort commented 'much of the vital machinery of the vehicle is housed in the crew space'. Indeed, the CES equipment list is long, but it does not include radio equipment, personal equipment for the crew or their weapons. These nine diagrams were produced early on, and thus show Larkspur radio equipment.

Towards the end of the service life of the Ferret, a large open wire mesh tray was developed to be mounted on short legs over the engine decks. It was hinged to enable access to the engine. These storage bins were issued during Operation Granby in the first Gulf war. They are extremely useful, and are still used in civilian roles to carry bulky equipment items.

These five stowage diagrams form part of WO Code No. 10766, with the FV No. 221886.

Sheet No. 1 - Ferret Mk. 1 Front & L/H side

Sheet No. 2 - Ferret Mk 1 Rear & R/H side

Sheet No. 3 - Ferret Mk 1 Interior front

Sheet No. 4 - Ferret Mk 1 Interior hull & R/H side

Sheet No. 5 - Ferret Mk 1 Interior hull & L/H side

These four stowage diagrams form part of WO Code No. 13278, with the FV No. 260849.

Sheet No. 1 - Ferret Mk. 2 Exterior front & L/H side

Sheet No. 2 - Ferret Mk 2 Exterior rear & R/H side

Sheet No. 3 - Ferret Mk 2 Interior turret and hull front

Sheet No. 4 - Ferret Mk 2 Interior turret and hull rear

These stowage diagrams are supplemented by the data in <u>Group P 'Stowage'</u> of the <u>Illustrated Spare Parts List</u>, Army Code 14992, which shows the locations of the internal and external storage bins, webbing and fixtures.