

**1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Museum**  
**Vehicle Data Sheet**

**Vehicle:** M8, Light Armored Scout Car

**Location:** Museum Vehicle Pad # A1

**Paint:** Enamel, Semi-gloss, O D 23070  
Enamel, Flat, White, 17925

**Markings:** Bumper numbers and letters are three inches high. Registration numbers and letters are two inches high. See attached drawing for locations and diameter for stars, bumper numbers, and registration marking.

Bumper Markings: **1C – 7C – B – 10**

**Historical Background:**

The Ford Motor Company developed the M8 in 1942 and it entered service with the American Army in 1943. There were over 8,500 total units produced. A small number were supplied to the British, who gave the M-8 the nickname of the Greyhound. The vehicle was developed to replace the M3A1 Scout Car. Once it was put into use, it was heavily criticized because it lacked the off-road performance it was intended for, especially in snow or mud. It was restricted to improved roads which reduced its value as a reconnaissance vehicle. Due to the problems with the vehicle it was phased out in 1945. The M8 was equipped with a 37MM gun which would easily penetrate Japanese armor. This vehicle was used during the Pacific campaigns of World War II and the Occupation of Japan.

**Information below is from data sign in front of the vehicle:**

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**Vehicle Characteristics:**

Length:	16 ft
Width:	8 ft
Weight:	8 tons
Height:	7 ft
Range:	175 miles
Speed:	56 mph
Crew:	4
Main Gun:	37mm
Rate of fire:	up to 25 rounds per minute
Muzzle velocity:	up to 2,900 ft/s (884 m/s)
Maximum range:	4.29 mi (6.9 km)
Machine Guns:	2 .30 Caliber

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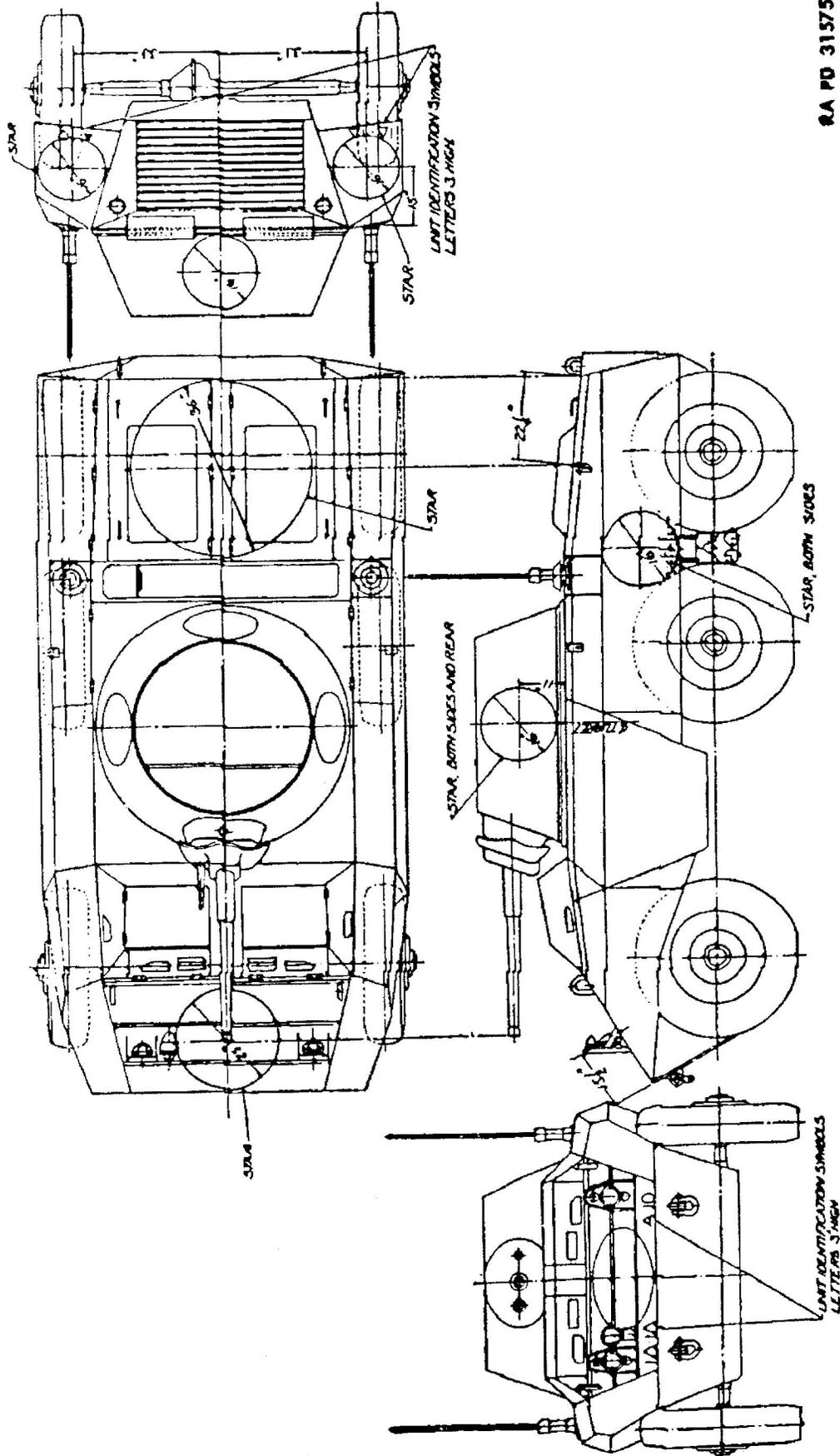


Figure 36.—Light armored car M8.

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