

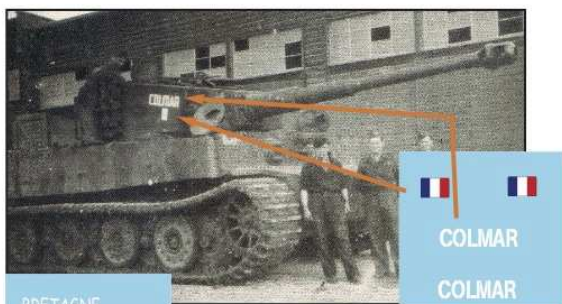


## FFI 'groupe Besnier', WW2

A squadron of Free French resistance fighters under captain Guy Besnier got access of a number of captured German vehicles. They hastily exchanged swastika's, balkenkreuzen and other German markings for the French roundel, some Lorraine crosses and in some cases vehicle numbers. This group fought in the Pocket of Saint-Nazaire. For more information we refer you to 'Les Chars de la Résistance', by Luc Braeuer.

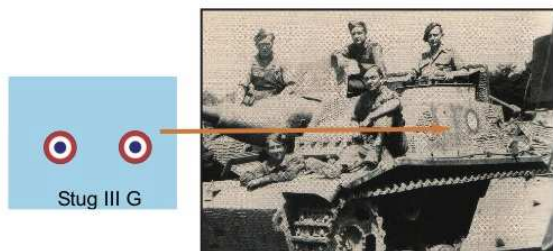
### Tiger Bretagne/Colmar

The group received one Tiger. At first it was baptized 'Bretagne.', later 'Colmar' . Together with the French flag (and later roundel) the name covered the German markings on the turret, however part of the number 4 was at first still visible. The underlying colour where Zimmerit has been erased is unclear, yellow or even grey-blue are suggested. The tank remained painted in dark yellow with brown and green spots.



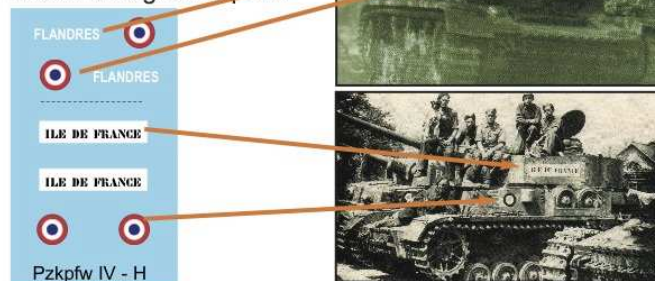
### StuG III G

This Zimmerit-covered SuG 3G is painted in yellow with green and brown spots. Just roundels on the hull side.



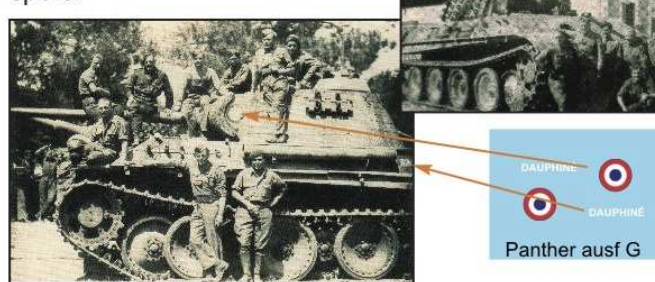
### Tiger IV-H: Ile de France & Flandres

Groupe Besnier had a number of Panzer IV's, with place and province names like Alsace, Bir Ackeim, Normandie. This set covers Flandres and Ile de France. Both vehicles are covered in Zimmerit (though 'Flanders' a bit more than 'Ile de France', it seems (see the base of the gun in the bottom picture). Both vehicles were yellow with brown and green spots.



### Panther Ausf. G: Dauphiné

This Panther was dubbed 'Dauphiné'. The name is just visible on the bottom picture. Note the extra protection with tracks on the right side of the hull (top picture). Again this tank was covered in Zimmerit and painted yellow with brown and green spots.



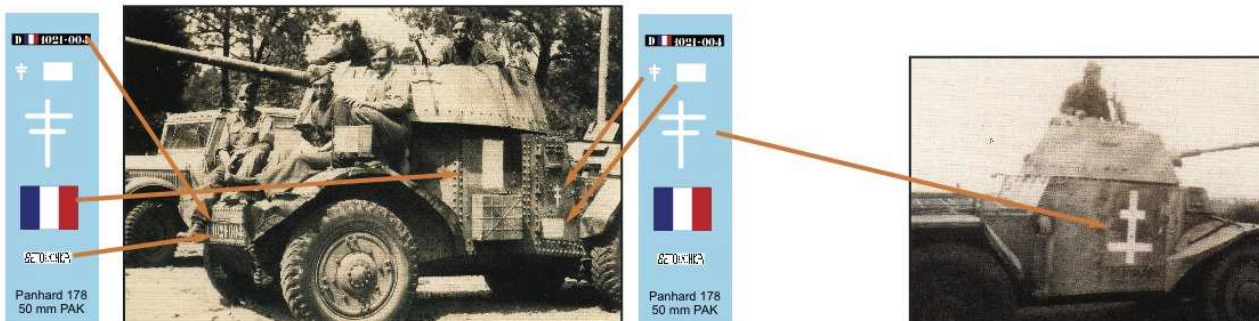
### Marder 1

This Sdkfz 135 Marder 1 has no Zimmerit and is painted in yellow with much larger green and yellow spots than the other vehicles. The Balkenkreuzen are substituted for Lorraine crosses.



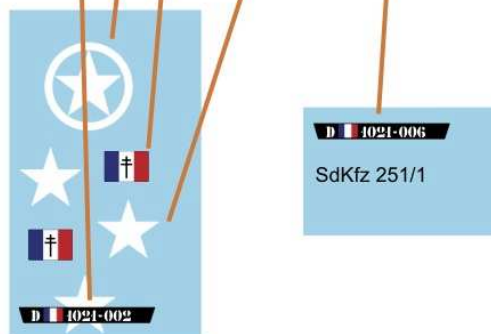
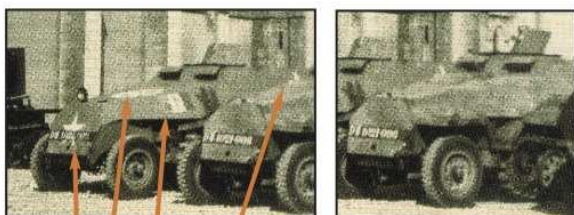
## Panhard 178 50mm PAK: Bétouchka

Groupe Besnier had 2 Panhards, one named *Bétouchka*. This is a very interesting vehicle as it is a field conversion with a 50 PAK in the turret and added side armour to the open turret. The markings are also very peculiar. At one point the name *Bétouchka* was substituted for a number plate. Note that the right picture is NOT of *Bétouchka* but of the other Panhard of Groupe Besnier, it is used to show the lay out of the markings (upturned Lorraine cross!). Again, the vehicle is in yellow, with brown and green spots.



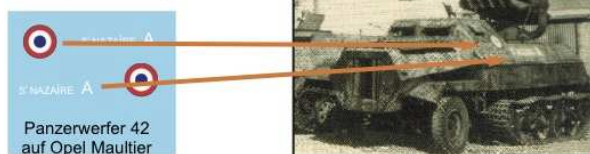
## SfKfz 251/1 auf D.

Two vehicles, on the same picture as the Panzerwerfer 42 on Maultier, one with elaborate markings, the other just with a number plate. Both were painted in yellow with green and brown spots.



## Panzerwerfer 42 / Opel Maultier

Painted in yellow with green and brown spots and dubbed '*St. Nazaire A*', this Panzerwerfer looked ominous but was used for transport only.



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