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Subject: Re: Hummer and Buggy...

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I personally call it an MRL. On the in-game chat, MRLS to me would be plural. I use short "MRL right" for re-con messages when possible.

There were flame tanks in WWII the USA used them to run Germans out of Bulkheads, or I guess just cook them.

Flame tank

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Flame tank is a military term for a tank equipped with a flamethrower.

The flame tank concept is designed to supplement a combined arms attack against fortifications or other obstacles. They only reached significant use in World War II, where the USA, USSR, Germany and the UK all produced flamethrower-equipped tanks.

A number of methods of production were used. Typically they were modifications (either field or factory) of existing tank chassis. Flamethrowers were either modified versions of existing infantry flame weapons (Flammpanzer I and II) or specially designed (Flammpanzer III). They were mounted externally (Flammpanzer II), replaced existing machine gun mounts, or replaced the tank's main armament (Flammpanzer III). Ammunition for the flame weapon was either carried inside the tank, in armoured external storage, or in some cases in a special trailer behind the tank (Churchill Crocodile).

Flame tanks were of great use attacking fortifications or infantry in short range assault or urban environments. They overcame the extreme vulnerability of man-portable flamethrowers, and could develop greater range. However, in an open battlefield, the flamethrower was virtually useless because of its short range.

Experience of combat use of flamethrower tanks was mixed. German flamethrower variants of Panzer II and Panzer III were both discontinued due to unsatisfactory performance and converted into assault guns or tank destroyers. The Panzer IV was never converted into a flame variant, despite being used for just about every purpose imaginable on the battlefield.

The mixed results were in part due to the development of infantry anti-tank weapons. At the start of the War most infantry units had weapons with some effectiveness against armoured targets at ranges of 30 to 50 metres, like anti-tank rifles. Towards the end of the War, more powerful anti-tank weapons like the bazooka, Panzerschreck and PIAT were introduced which were fatal to tanks at ranges longer than the tank's flamethrower could reach.

Examples

Second World War:

M4A3R3 Flamethrower, a M4 Sherman tank variant.

Churchill Crocodile

Badger - Canadian Ram tank adapted with flamethrower.

Give me the one with the trailer. Forget about carrying 300 gal of fuel in the back seat.

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