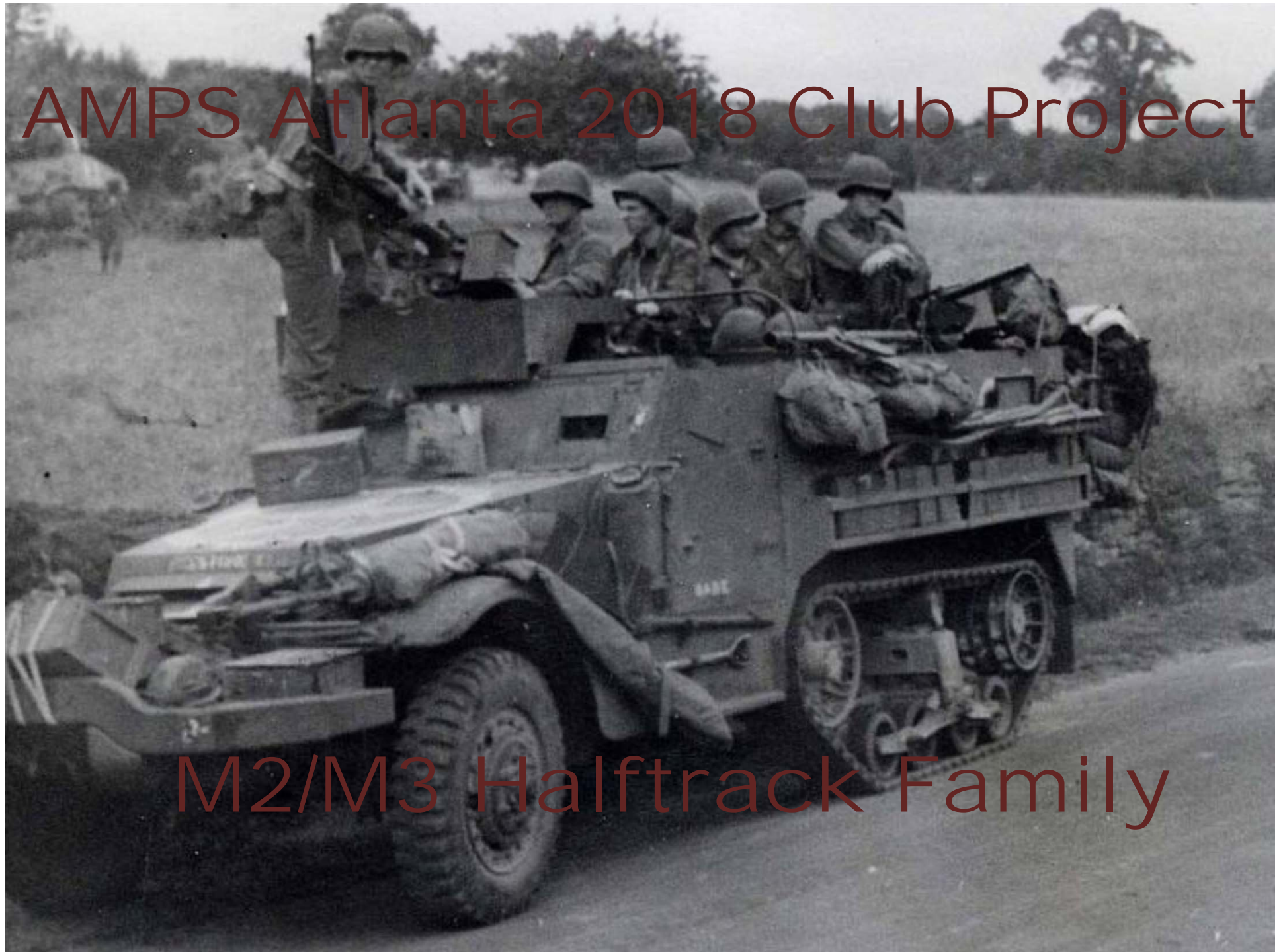


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## M2/M3 Halftrack Family



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# Background Info

- Cavalry developed a half track version of the M3A1 Scout Car (obvious similarities)
- Became M2 Halftrack Car
- Intended as artillery prime mover and utility vehicle
- Used to carry MG squads in armored infantry

\* Zaloga,



# Background Info

- Infantry evaluated the M2. Lengthened for more room to carry troops.
- Became the M3 Half Track Personnel Carrier.
- M2 Carried 10 Troops
- M3 Carried 13 troops

# Background Info

- Developed Into platform for a number of specialized vehicles.
- M3 Gun Motor Carriage (GMC) w/M1897 75mm. Developed as a TD. \*Zaloga
- T19 armed with 105mm Howitzer
- A number of Multiple Gun Motor Carriages developed for AAA defense. Includes M13, M15, M15A1, M15 Special, M16.



# Background Info

- Finally, two 81 mm mortar carriers.
- M4 based on M2 HT, fired to the rear.
- M21 based on M3 HT, fired forward.

# M3 Half-Track





# M3 Half-Track



# M2 Half-Track





# M3 GMC



# M16 MGMC





# Israeli Versions



# Restored Vehicles





# Restored Vehicles





# Available Kits

Item No: 5329  
Release Date: 05-Oct-06  
MSRP: USD 41.50

1:35 '39-'45 SERIES

**M2A1**  
Half-Track

2 in 1

**Smart  
Kit**

Engineered for modeling enjoyment

Plastic parts with enhanced detail

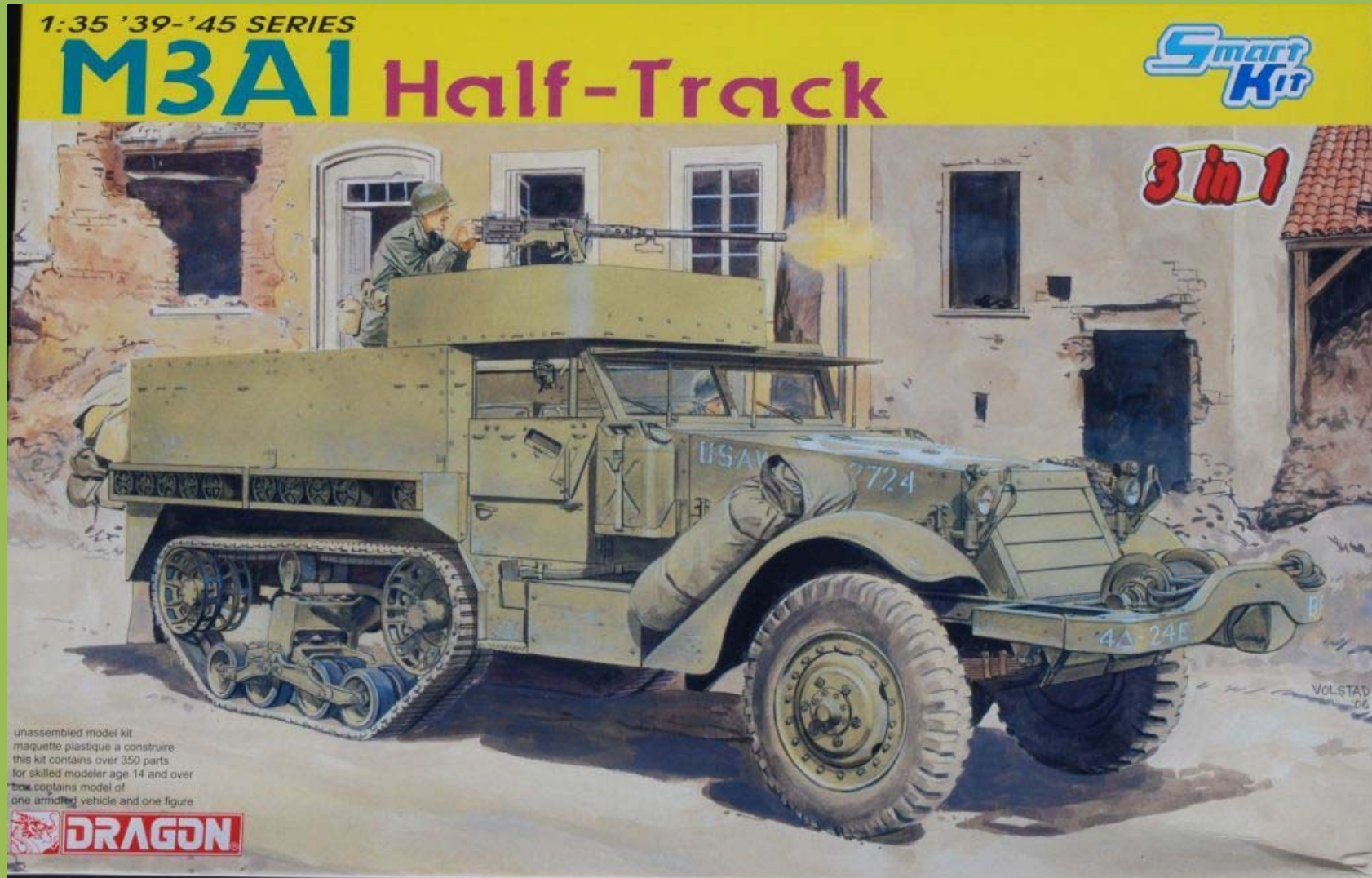
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**M16** 1:35 '39-'45 SERIES Multiple Gun Motor Carriage **Smart Kit**



unpainted model kit  
may also include a license  
kit kit contains 200 parts  
for scaled model of 1:35 and 1:48  
kit includes a model of  
with painted vehicle and two figures


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[www.hlj.com](http://www.hlj.com)

**M4** 1:35 '39-'45 SERIES **81mm Mortar Carrier** *Smart Kit*

Engineered for modeling enjoyment Plastic parts with enhanced detail Unprecedented value Ready for instant assembly!

Not available in Japan



Item No.: 6361  
Release Date: 05 May 2007  
MSRP: USD 39.95

Available  
Kits

1:35 '39-'45 SERIES **M21** Mortar Motor Carriage *Smart Kit*



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# Available Kits







Oldies?



# What to build...?

- Since the variants are similar, I will concurrently build:
- An M2A1
- An M3A1
- An M3 75mm GMC
- Follow along with one of these, or try another version, or just watch to see if I crash and burn!!!

# Build Schedule

These Will Vary Slightly For Each Version

- August-Steps 1-4
- September-Steps 5-7
- October-Steps 8-12
- November-Steps 13-19
- December-Paint the Beasts



# Build Schedule

- Note: We will try to have several build sessions along the way. Maybe 1.5-2 hours. Possibly after meetings, or another convenient time.
- We can cover some of the less straightforward parts of the build during these sessions.