

# Trackpad Publishing Newsletter

SMM Publishing

To be published 5 December.  
All pre-orders are very welcome.

## Centurion Modeller's Guide Volume 2 – The Later Marks

by Ian Wright and Merlin Robinson

<https://www.trackpadpublishing.com/product-page/centurion-modeller-s-guide-vol-2-the-later-marks>



The Centurion was one of the most famous British tanks, starting development in 1943 and still in limited service to the present day. It was widely exported to friendly armies and evolved through thirteen different marks in British service. Over 4,400 were produced. Its main armament evolved from the QF 17-pdr, through the 20-pdr, to the superlative L7 105 mm gun.

Many countries employed Centurions for decades and many Centurion versions have

seen service with all the armies it served in. Scorpion Miniature Models have created a second volume in a series of modelling resource books, designed to encourage modellers to build every major version of this iconic British tank.

In this follow-up volume, modellers with a serious interest in the Centurion can find a wealth of information and inspiration in Ian Wrights' models, illustrating the later marks in great detail. Ian has dedicated a large part of his time over the past decade to modelling British post-war tanks. Ian's incredible models span the final decade of the Centurion's evolution.

Each build documents the necessary changes to represent the original – while listing the pertinent conversion sets available from *Scorpion Miniature Models*. Ian's craftsmanship is presented in a readable style with a selection of excellent reference photos.

From the Mk.6 through to the final Mk.13, Ian presents a selection of conversions based on *AFV Club* 1/35th scale kits with many scratch-built features, plus the use of *SMM* and other detail sets. Each build is presented in chronological order, unpainted to show every detail modification. As a bonus, the proof-of-concept Swingfire Centurion and a Stridsvagn 101 are also featured.

Once again, *SMM Publishing* makes modelling the iconic Centurion accessible to all modellers of all skill levels.

**SMMP02, A4 portrait, 88 pages, softback, full colour throughout.  
190 photos. No ISBN  
Recommended retail price £21.50**

# Japanese Type 16 Mobile Combat Vehicle

by Koji Miyake with Gordon Arthur

<https://www.trackpadpublishing.com/japanese-type-16>



The Type 16 Mobile Combat Vehicle (16MCV) is a wheeled armoured vehicle of the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF). It is transportable by air and has high on-road mobility to enable rapid deployments to strategic locations and air transportability.

The main armament is the same 105 mm gun used on the Type 74 tank allowing it to destroy enemy armoured vehicles by direct fire. The Fire-Control System is based on that of the Type 10 Tank, therefore achieving highly accurate fire whilst on the move.

The 16MCV shares data between vehicles and units via a Field Communication System command-and-control software and battlefield information software.

Type 16MCVs are deployed in reconnaissance combat battalions and rapid deployment regiments in divisions/brigades of the JGSDF.

***ITF010 A4, landscape, 60 pages, approx. 130 photographs. ISBN: none***

***Recommended retail price 15.50 GBP***

**In the Field series**

## **Japanese Type 74 Main Battle Tank**

*by Koji Miyake with Gordon Arthur*

<https://www.trackpadpublishing.com/japanese-type-74>



The Type 74 Tank (74TK) is a main battle tank (MBT) of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF). It was built by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries as a supplement to the earlier Type 61 Tank. The first prototype was delivered in 1968.

It was a second-generation MBT equipped with an L7A1 105 mm main gun. The 74TK was designed to present as small and low a profile as possible. It was unique when introduced because it could alter its posture by using its hydro-pneumatic suspension to raise or lower the hull. This also provided a stable shooting platform, increasing firing accuracy.

The Type 74 was considered outdated even before it entered service. Since 2019, the retirement of Type 74 has been taking place, to be replaced by the 8-wheeled Type 16 Mobile Combat Vehicle, the subject of another Trackpad book.

Featured in this book are the Recovery, Anti-aircraft and Bridge-laying versions all based on the same chassis.

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## ***Tales of Lympne Airfield -***

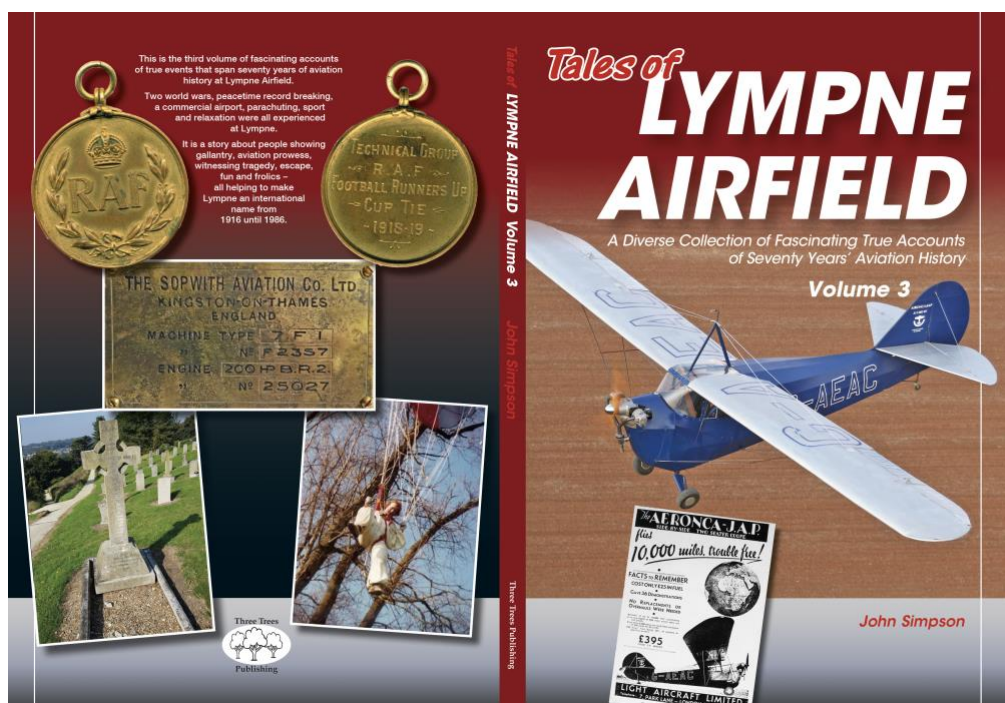
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*by John Simpson*

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Best regards

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