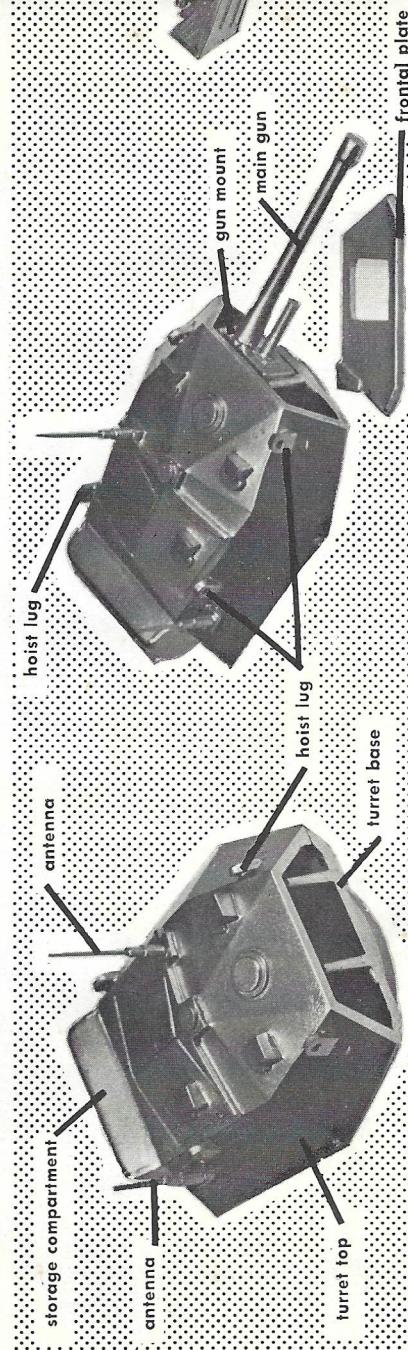


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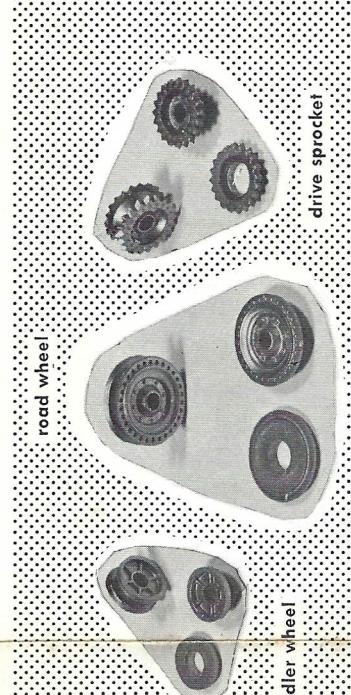
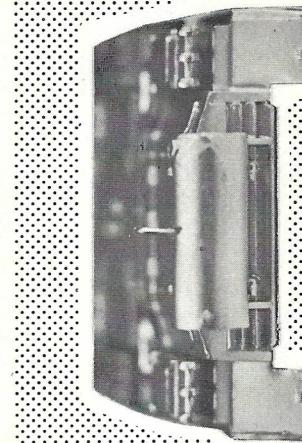
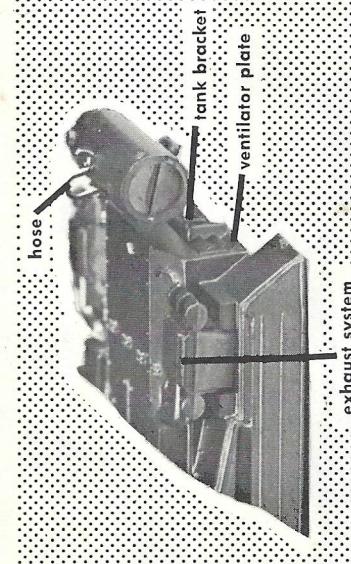
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TRIM EXCESS PLASTIC FROM PARTS. USE A GOOD GRADE OF POLYSTYRENE CEMENT. THIS MODEL MAY BE LEFT IN ITS NATURAL OLIVE DRAB COLOR.

Glue turret top to turret base. Glue storage compartment to rear of turret and then glue the antennas into holes on top of turret, and then glue the four hoist lugs into place on the turret.

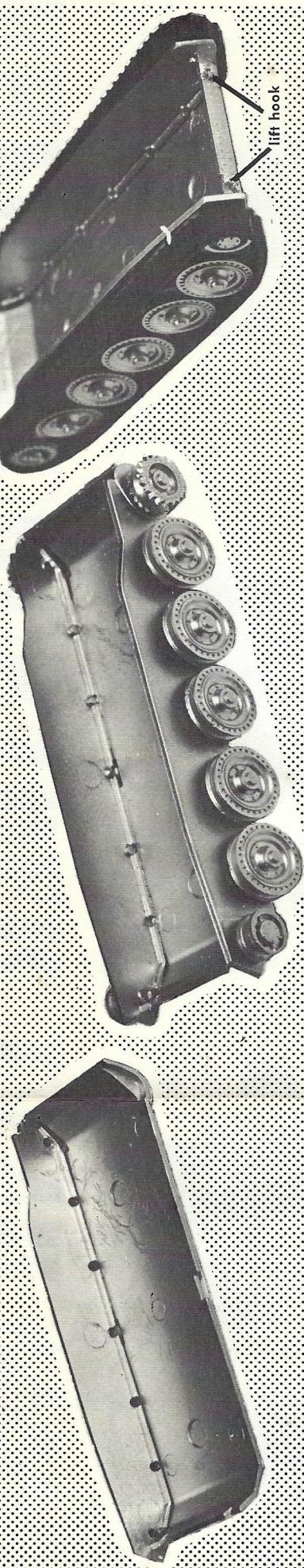
Glue main gun in hole next to range gun, and then glue gun mount into place in turret. Glue frontal plate of turret in place with raised corner in the upper left corner.



Glue spare water tank halves together and then glue hose in place on top of spare tank. Glue engine ventilator plate on rear of tank deck. Make sure the louvers are facing down.

Glue the two halves of each of the road wheels, idler wheels, and drive sprockets together as shown in the illustration.

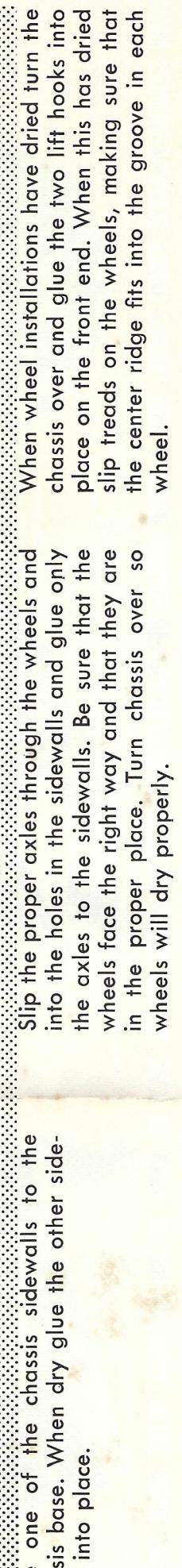
Glue tread armor plating walls to tank deck as shown. Trim edge of rubber tread with scissors.



Glue one of the chassis sidewalls to the chassis base. When dry glue the other sidewall into place.

Slip the proper axles through the wheels and into the holes in the sidewalls and glue only the axles to the sidewalls. Be sure that the wheels face the right way and that they are in the proper place. Turn chassis over so wheels will dry properly.

Glue headlamps and headlamp guards in holes at front of tank deck. Glue front compartment door in place. Glue tank deck to chassis and then insert turret in tank deck. Apply decals as shown and your model is finished. Why not build a platoon or even a company of "CRUSADERS?"



When wheel installations have dried turn the chassis over and glue the two lift hooks into place on the front end. When this has dried slip treads on the wheels, making sure that the center ridge fits into the groove in each wheel.

The Crusader II was developed in 1941 and used extensively in the Libyan desert during the period covering late 1941 and early 1942. Although the Crusader I and II were inadequate in regard to firepower, they did have much in the way of mechanical improvements. The Crusader boasted the sophisticated Christie suspension. In addition to this the Crusader was one of the first two models of tanks to extensively use the improved Wilson epicyclic stepdown gear. This system was so great an improvement that the Germans copied it and used it throughout World War II.

