

## The Humber Pedigree

On Great Occasions, Humber takes Pride of Place

For several brides their wedding day is the only day when maybe they ever travel in a stunning classic or vintage car. At Macphersons' Chauffeured Cars we offer much more than a 'nice old car'. Humber Cars have a rich heritage and were built for special occasions. No matter what your occasion, Humber will be ready with their chauffeurs for official duty!



General Montgomery was a key figure of Britain's military history, and he held his Humber which he named "Old Faithful" in high regard. It was his staff car during WWII, and transported him comfortably and reliably throughout war-torn Europe and the Middle Eastern campaign.



















## Humber Super Snipe 1946











The Humber was widely used in the North African campaign and on the Western Front. They were also used by the RAF Mountain Rescue Service which was formed during 1942 in North Wales. About 6500 were made of all versions and production ended in 1945. *The Autocar* observed that "it was the kind of car to have a strong appeal after the war to farmers or to large estates". Alas the Rootes brothers did not make a civilian version, leaving it to Rover to take up the challenge, though the early Land rovers were much more spartan and cramped vehicles than the Humber.

A great variety of other makes and models also saw service; the RAF alone had some 100 models of 25 different makes, including a Bentley in Belfast and a Rolls-Royce limousine at Hawarden, near Chester. Field Marshal Montgomery had a Rolls-Royce Phantom III with unusual sport limousine body by HJ Mulliner, with a reverse sloping windscreen. Used by Field Marshal Lord Gort as a staff car from September 1939, it later passed to 'Monty' whose personal property it became.





Left: A Humber heavy utility restored by a Guernsey enthusiast. About 6500 of these 4x4s were made in all forms. (Nick Georgano)

Below: The Humber heavy utility was one of the most promising British vehicles developed during the war. Powered by the familiar 4086cc engine used in pre-war Super Snipe cars, it had comfortable seating for seven and a good crosscountry performance. In concept it was an ancestor of today's Range Rover type of vehicle. (Vehicle displayed at the Victory Memorial Museum)