

NEW TRUCK DOES EVERYTHING BUT FLY

A land and water military truck, successor to the famous war-time Dukw, is called the Drake and the U.S. army gave a demonstration for newsreel and pressmen. When it was time to show it off in the water they didn't look round for a mill pond sea but plunged ^{it} into the Pacific surf off Monterey, California.... ~~In whatever~~ ^{surf} sea the Drake ~~could~~ put its man ashore. After a trip like that they'd be very glad to get there.

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FOR THE ARMY A TRUCK THAT GOES ANYWHERE

Newsmen ride the latest in sea-going, land vehicles, the Drake. Inclines up to 60 degrees are easy for the first 8-wheel amphibious truck! Slogging through mud and water which would bog down many a lesser vehicle is another accomplishment of this job built for the Army. Its tires inflate or deflate automatically. From 50 pounds of air on a hard road to about 12 pounds pressure for soft sand. A smaller "dukw" is stalled but the Drake has maximum traction to make it. Twin screw propellers which can be raised or lowered while underway provide headway while at sea. The wild surf at Monterey, California further tests many engineering features, including all-aluminum frame and hull, and retractable axles and wheels, which decrease water resistance. Refusing to be capsized by the raging Pacific breakers, it rides a big wave back to shore!