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Vehicle Specifications		Quick Reference Guide
Year:	1918	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manufactured by various car/truck companies in early 1900's, Kessel Kar, Continental, &amp; Hinkley (this vehicle)</li> <li>• Military's first use of trucks during Mexican Expedition when General "Blackjack" Pershing chased Poncho Villa into Mexico</li> <li>• Original manufacturers were not able to meet needs of military, prompting using interchangeable parts</li> </ul>
Make:	Liberty	
Model:	Military	
Style:	Truck	
AAG#:	0211	
Engine:	Flathead I4	
Transmission:	Manual 3-Speed	
VIN/Serial #:	B513936	

The military's first use of trucks came during the Mexican Expedition when General "Blackjack" Pershing chased Poncho Villa into Mexico. The military had two problems using the trucks. First, they had no "MOS" (Military Occupation Specialty) for truck drivers. The military was forced to hire teamsters to drive their trucks. The second problem was that a variety of manufacturers were making the trucks. No single manufacturer was able to produce enough trucks to supply the military. This resulted in a lack of interchangeable parts and the inability to scavenge parts from one truck to service another.



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After this campaign, it was decided to create an MOS for truck drivers in the military and to create a single design for a military truck with interchangeable parts that any manufacturer could assemble. A design committee was formed of Quartermaster officers, Society of Automotive Engineer members, and volunteers from the truck companies. The design committee agreed that a 3-5 ton large cargo hauler was the most critical need for the army. The Liberty, the result of this design, was manufactured by various car and truck companies in the early 1900's including Kessel Kar, Continental, and Hinkley, which manufactured this specific vehicle.

### References:

- *US Army Transportation Museum*