

HERMANN GOERING BULLET-PROOF MERCEDES BENZ.

The car which was found by the British Forces in a large enemy vehicle park captured at Lentforden in the province of Schleswig-Holstein was used by the late Field Marshal Goering, and bought from the Ministry of Supply by SSAFA.

It is well proofed against small arms fire and as a protection against grenades or mines has a specially fitted armoured floor. The body-work includes bullet proof steel panels fitted into each door. The windows and windscreen being made of 5 ply glass 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick, and tests carried out by the British Forces indicate that no small arms ammunition could pierce it. A retractable sheet of armoured plate protects the back passengers.

The design of the car is based on that of the Super Mercedes Cabriolet Model D, and is in good mechanical condition. The Chassis of the car is a very rigid structure, formed of oval tubes and based on the pre-war racing experience of the Mercedes Benz Company, incorporating independent four wheel suspension. The weight of the whole car in its present state is 4 tons, 7cwt, 3 qtrs, and is still capable of high speeds, - speeds in the neighbourhood of over 100 m.p.h. were claimed for the car originally.

During the past year the following work has been carried out by British Mercedes Benz Ltd., - engine decoked; clutch re-lined; brakes re-lined; new gear box; new batteries. In the early part of this year Messrs Dunlops Ltd., made up new rims for the wheels to fit existing hubs to take the present tyres which were then fitted. The car is at present having the brakes adjusted and a general check over prior to being sold.

<u>ENGINE</u>	7,700 c.c. supercharged developing 155 b.h.p. unsupercharged 230 b.h.p. supercharged. Petrol consumption 7 to 8 m.p.g. unsupercharged.
<u>IGNITION</u>	2 plugs per cylinder Coil and Magneto.
<u>GEAR BOX</u>	5 speed and reverse by Maybach, This has just been renewed.
<u>SUSPENSION</u>	Independent, all four wheels.
<u>BRAKES</u>	Hydraulic.
<u>TYRES</u>	800 x 17 by Dunlop and practically new.
<u>WHEELS</u>	Splined Hubs with centre knock off hub nuts. These wheels have been specially made by Dunlops to take the above tyres.
<u>BODY</u>	D/H Cabriolet Armoured plated with bullet proof glass 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick and the whole car weighs 4 tons 7cwt 3 qtrs.
<u>TAX</u>	£10 per annum.

THE SOLDIERS' SAILORS' & AIRMEN'S FAMILIES ASSOCIATION have instructed Messrs Charles Rickards Ltd., Auction Dept., Conduit Mews, Spring Street, W.2., to offer the above vehicle for sale on Tuesday, 16th December 1952 at 2 p.m. Auctioneer: MR. A.V. RICKARDS, F.A.L.P.A., F.V.I., M.I.M.I.

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