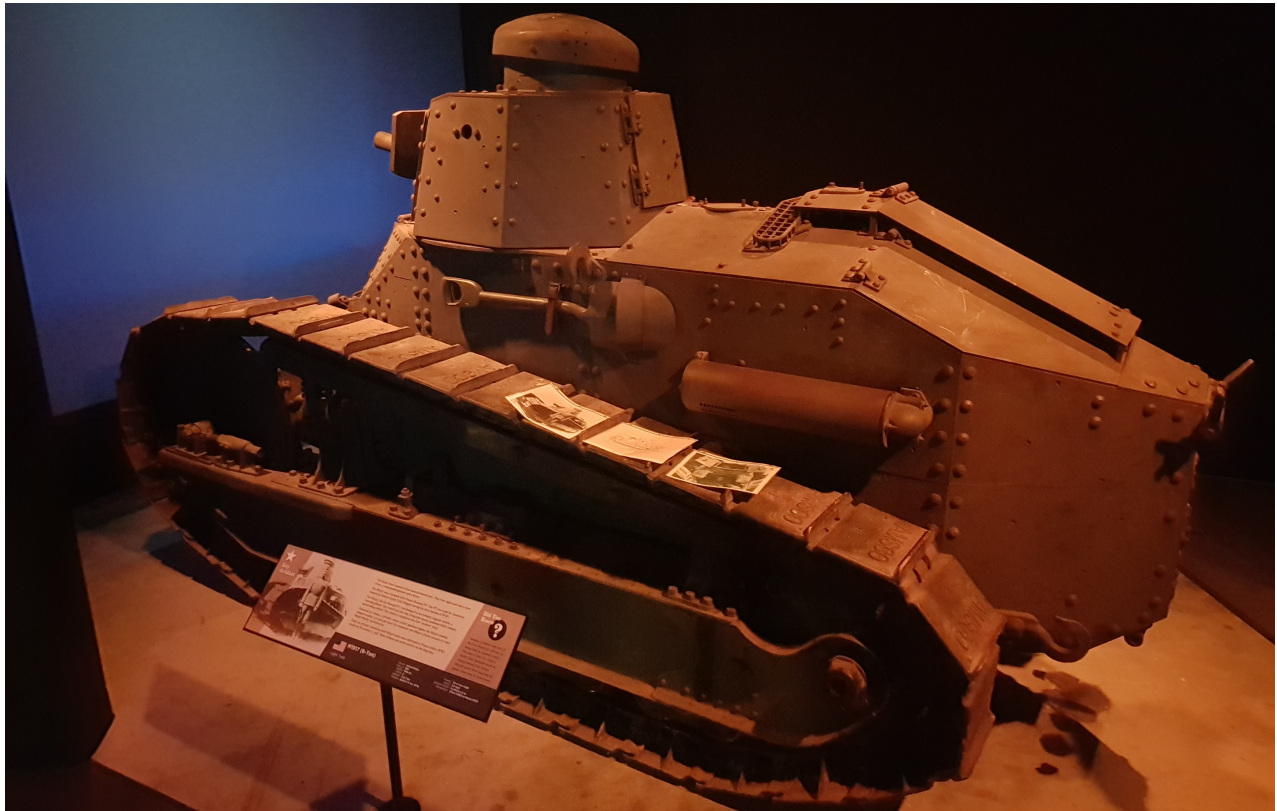


# Surviving Six Ton Tanks M1917

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Listed here are the Six Ton Tanks Model 1917 that still exist today.



Pierre-Olivier Buan, September 2019

## **Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – American Heritage Museum, Hudson, MA (USA)**

This tank was owned by M.C. Bradley Military Rental Studios of North Hollywood, California from 1922 to 1967. The vehicles were sold off after Mr Bradley's death and Dr. Haigler bought this tank and then sold it to Jacques Littlefield (Hayes Otoupalik)

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Robert Chubb, September 2007

## **Six Ton Tank M1917 – Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Old Rhinebeck, NY (USA) – running c.**

This tank was originally obtained by the Jarrett WW1 Museum in New Jersey in the 1930s and was the 1st tank in private hands in the USA. In the early 1950s after Colonel Jarrett became curator of the Aberdeen Proving Grounds Museum, he disposed of his private collection. This tank passed through several collectors hands in the 1950s and ultimately went to Old Rhinebeck (Hayes Otoupalik)

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Dietrich Orosz, September 2020 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/599117760244236/permalink/1700906733398661/>

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – West Point Museum, NY (USA)

This tank was owned by M.C. Bradley Military Rental Studios of North Hollywood, California from 1922 to 1967. The vehicles were sold off after Mr Bradley's death and this tank passed through several owners hands and then was purchased by the Westpoint museum in 1974, thanks to the efforts of Westpoint Curator Bob Fisch (Hayes Otoupalik)



Matt Sharkey, February 2022 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/147111312019224/permalink/4934648573265450>

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – Manville, NJ (USA)

Obtained in 1920s as War Memorial. The bullet marks are the result of checking the quality of the armour during manufacture (<http://www.landships.freeservers.com/survivors.htm>)





<https://pabucketlist.com/exploring-the-pennsylvania-military-museum-in-centre-county/>

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – Pennsylvania Military Museum, Boalsburg, PA (USA)

Note that this tank is the only surviving M1917 with its first type Marlin Machinegun turret mount. All other known M1917 tanks in the US have the later ball type mount for the M1919 air cooled machinegun that was developed at Rock Island Arsenal (Hayes Otoupalik). Its current restored paint scheme is based on the actual camo pattern discovered by the PA state restorers under about 3 layers of museum paint and service applied olive drab. During the researches, the museum located a very rare Marlin tank machine gun in Montana and purchased it from the collector (Mike Siggins). More information about this tank :

<http://www.yorkblog.com/yorktownsquare/2010/07/28th-pa-division-museum.html#more>



Photo from Google Maps

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – Virginia War Museum, Newport News, VA (USA)

The museum obtained a period manual on the tank and found the painting instructions, so they painted it accordingly (Craig Moore)





Mike Haines, September 2016

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – Virginia Museum of Military Vehicles Nokesville, VA (USA) – running c.

Originally located at a scrap firm in Elberton, GA. Purchased in 1963 by Loef Company of Athens, GA in 1963. Sold by the Loef Company to Royal Antiques and then resold to to the Cors Collection of Virginia



February 2022 - <https://www.facebook.com/ArmorandCavalryCollection/photos/pcb.5245265952204300/5245265892204306/>

### Six Ton Tank M1917 – U.S. Army Armor & Cavalry Collection, Fort Benning, GA (USA)





Glen Williford, 2004

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – Institute of Military Technology, Titusville, FL (USA)

Obtained by Fred Ropkey from logging equipment Company in Wisconsin in the 1970s and sold to Joe McClain in the 1980s. It is now in the hands of Knights Armament Company in Titusville, Florida (Hayes Otoupalik). Turret and upper armor missing and has been refabricated



Joshua Collins, July 2021

### Six Ton Tank M1917 (sample tank) – Fort Lee U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, VA (USA)

This tank is on loan from Smithsonian Institution and has a data plate reading "Sample Tank, Mild Steel, Not for service". When the US Army copied the FT-17, they made the turret mount to accommodate the Hotchkiss 8mm machinegun (Hayes Otoupalik). "The first of the three tractors ordered with soft armor plate was assembled and in operation at the Van Dorn Iron Works in Cleveland, Ohio early in July (1918)." Memo from Maj. M. B. Morgan 9/5/18. This is First US Tank manufactured in World War One, and is the oldest, American tank in existence. It was fabricated from the tank and set of plans rushed to the US in 1918, and that French FT-17 tank is the one in the Ordnance Museum collection in Aberdeen, MD



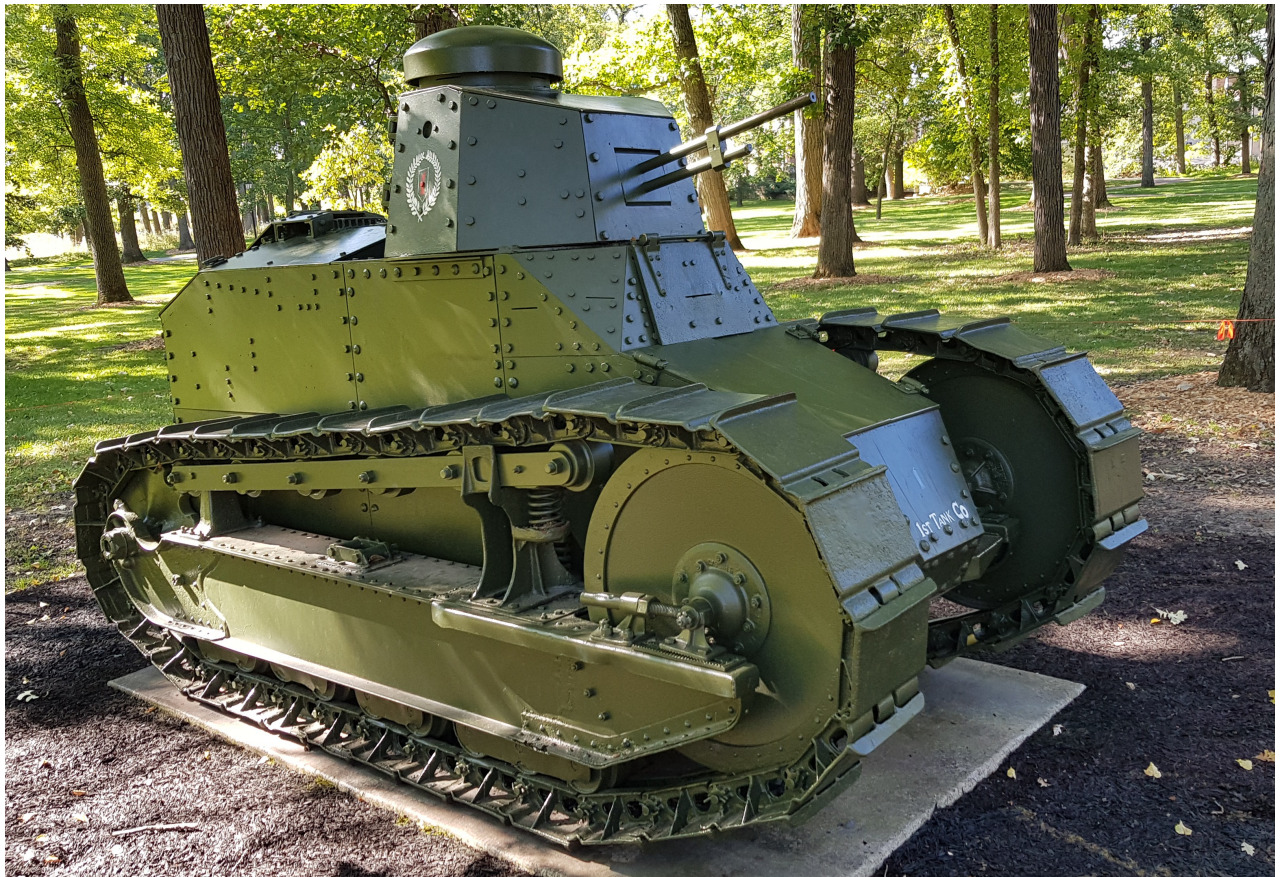


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### Six Ton Tank Model 1917

#### U.S. Army Center for Military History Storage Facility, Anniston, AL (USA)

Turret missing and refabricated. Found in derelict condition in heavily wooded area on Range 29 (Pelham Range) at Fort McClellan, Alabama in 1979. Heavily reconstructed



Pierre-Olivier Buan, September 2022

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – 1st Division Museum at Cantigny, Wheaton, IL (USA)

This US Model 1917 was obtained from Canada in 1988 and the turret and other upper armor were fabricated to make up a mock display tank for the 1st Division Museum of Wheaton, Ill. (Hayes Otoupalik)





Scott Miller, January 2024

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – Bloomington, IL (USA)

Obtained in 1920/30s as a war memorial monument



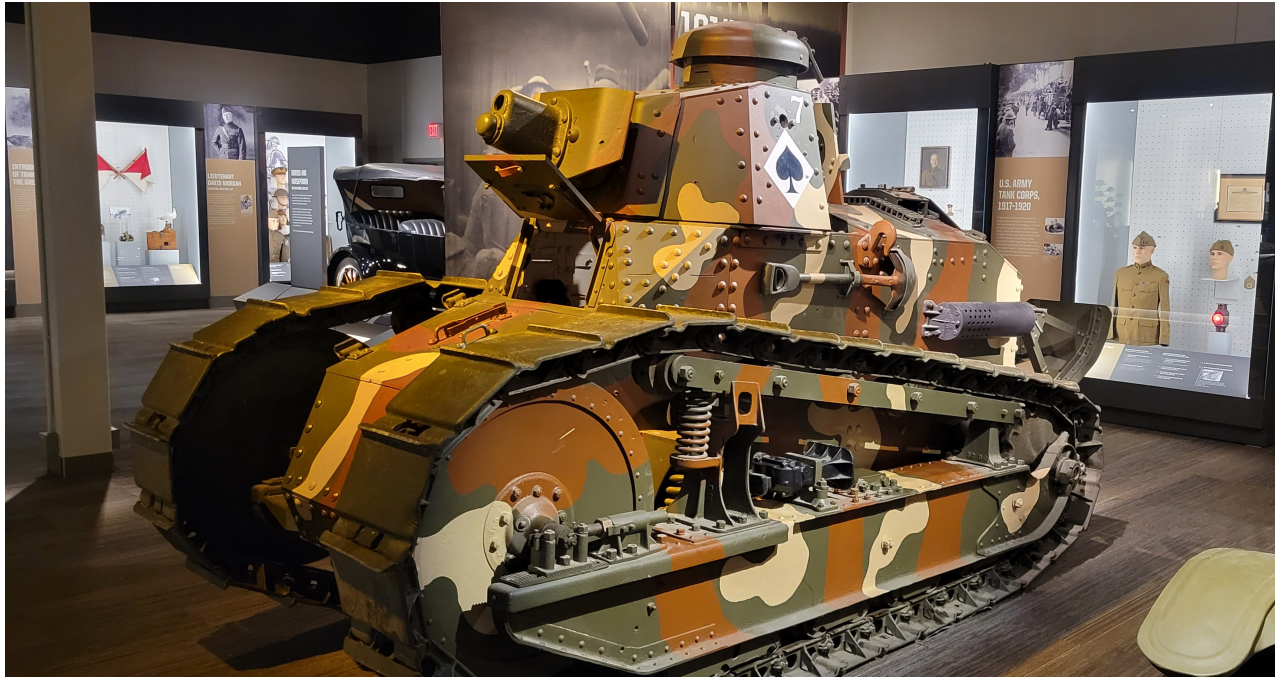
Hayes Otoupalik

### Six Ton Tank M1917 – Hayes Otoupalik Collection, Missoula, MO (USA) – running c.?

This tank was purchased by Hayes Otoupalik from the John Furrer War Museum in Arizona. This tank was also one of four that originally belong to MC Bradley Military Studios of North Hollywood, California. While this tank was in operational condition when purchased, it was completely restored in the late 1980s and the original M1917 37mm tank gun which is registered and in live firing condition was located and purchased to complete the turret. It is the only live firing 37mm tank gun known to survive (Hayes Otoupalik)

A video showing Hayes Otoupalik driving his tank : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mPkMn158Fwo>

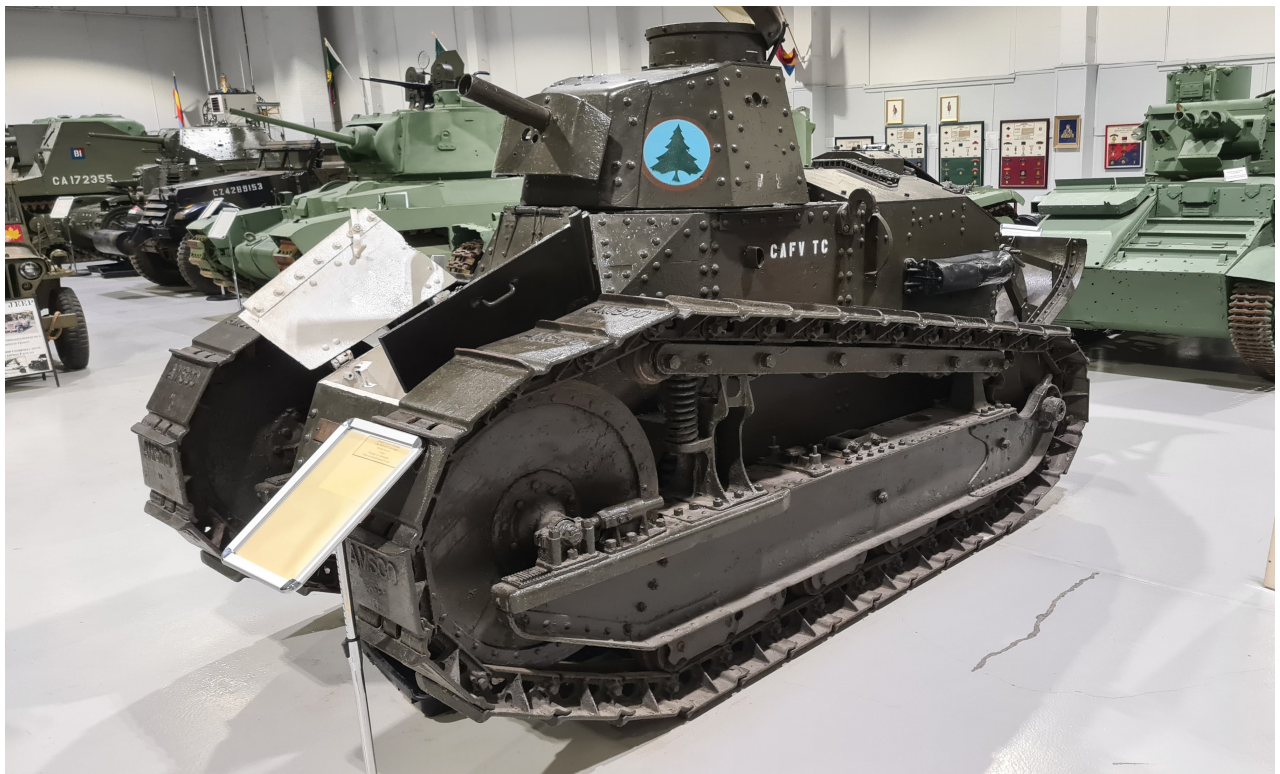




Jonathan Zobel, January 2024

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – National Museum of Military Vehicles, Dubois, WY (USA)

This tank was first located at Arlington (for nearly half a century), and then moved at the War Memorial Museum in Nitro, WV (USA) in the 1980s. It was then fully restored in the Ropkey museum (Hayes Otoupalik)

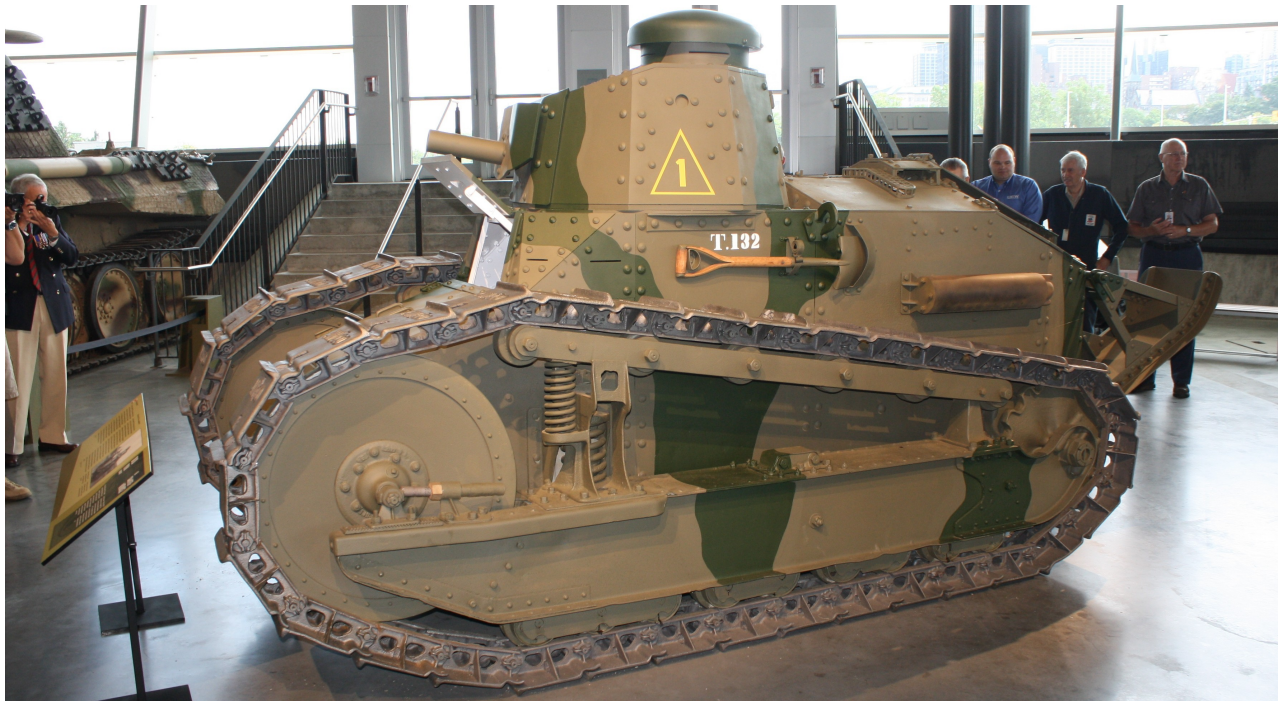


Pierre-Olivier Buan, September 2024

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – Canadian Forces Base, Borden (Canada)

Marked as early WW2 Canadian training tank (<http://www.landships.freesevers.com/survivors.htm>). Obtained from US War Dept in 1940





<https://www.friends-amis.org/index.php/fr/2013-11-05-15-13-12/galerie-de-photos>

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – Canadian War Museum, Ottawa (Canada)

This example was located in Alberta being used as a log skidder and purchased by the Canadian War Museum in 1997. Restoration work began in 2008 with financial support provided by private donor Richard Iorweth Thorman and additional funds allocated by the charitable organization Friends of the Canadian War Museum. The vehicle was in poor shape; the upper hull and turret had been removed and discarded. M1917 tracks and running gear salvaged from the Kingston, Ontario rifle ranges were mated with the surviving hull, and turret and remaining hull pieces were fabricated in Ottawa by DEW Engineering (<http://www.canadiansoldiers.com>)



<https://www.facebook.com/Canadian.Tank.Museum/videos/898523879120507/>

### Six Ton Tank M1917 – Oshawa Mil and Industrial Museum, Oshawa, Ontario (Canada)

This tank was purchased from Hayes Otoupalik in 1987. It originally had been acquired from the Furrer War Museum in Arizona and was originally one of four tanks that came from M.C. Bradley Military Rental Studios in Hollywood California in 1967 when this collection was dispersed. It had originally been acquired years before for use in the silent movies, such as "Wings", and later used as a Japanese tank in "Sands of Iwo Jima". This tank was still in operational condition in the 1960s (Hayes Otoupalik). Ex-AAF Danville

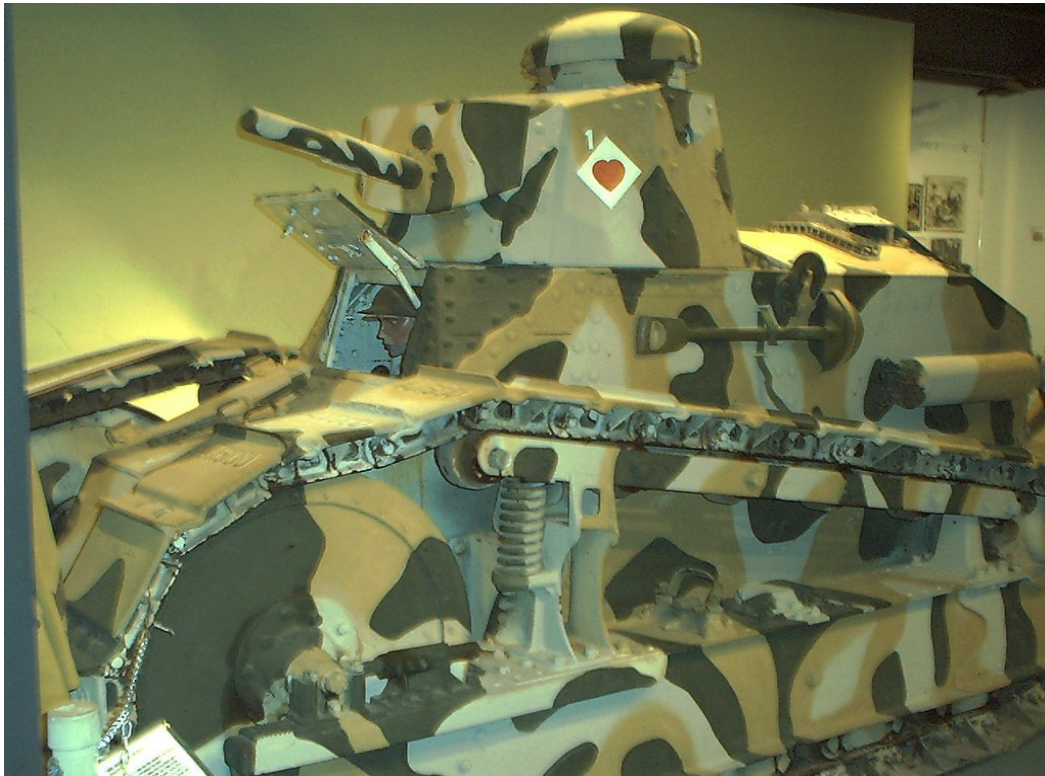




Randy Becht, October 2017 - <http://www.hrandmovieprops.com/>

### 6-Ton Tank M1917 **reproduction** – Indiana Military History Mus., Vincennes, IN (USA)

A small production run of newly minted 1;1 replicas of the M1917 American version of the FT17 are being produced by Hoosier Restoration in southern Indiana. The first one has been delivered to the Indiana Military Museum. This is a full up restoration using original parts and pieces whenever possible



"taiaselene", March 2002 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/taiaselene/3203050899/in/set-72157612676379924/>

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – Unknown location (USA)

This tank belongs to the Connecticut National Guard and was for years displayed at the State Prison. It is on loan to the Museum of So. New England (Hayes Otoupalik). May have been "taken back" by CT (Trevor Larkum)



I'm looking for photos of those tanks :

Any Six Ton Tank Model 1917 that I forgot....

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