

Surviving Cruiser Tanks

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Listed here are the British cruiser tanks that still exist today.



"Megashorts", November 2008 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3030259954/in/set-72157609057315170/>

Cruiser Tank Mk I (A9) – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

This Ap, T7230, was built by Harland and Wolff in Belfast and delivered to the Army in February 1940. It spent its service life at the School of Tank Technology before coming to the Tank Museum in 1949 (Museum)



"Chaitanya", March 2009 - <http://picasaweb.google.com/chaitanya.vedak/20090315PuneNagarOneDayTrip#5313670271230879970>

Cruiser Tank Mk I (A9) – Armoured Corps Museum, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra (India)



"Megashorts", November 2008 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3031546061/in/set-72157609057315170/>

Cruiser Tank Mk IIA Close Support (A10 Mk IA CS) – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

This is tank T9261, one of 30 Close Support A10s, which used the 3.7" howitzer instead of the 2 pounder gun. The howitzer fired smoke shells to mask the movements of other tanks. It spent its service life at the School of Tank Technology before coming to the Tank Museum in 1949 (Museum)



<https://www.facebook.com/cruisermk2/photos/pcb.305770859819703/305770596486396/?type=3&theater>

Cruiser Tank A10E1 prototype restoration project – Private collection (UK)

These A10 remains were recovered by Carl Brown and Adrian Barrel in the early 2000s



"Megashorts", November 2008 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3411755401/in/set-72157609057315170/>

Cruiser Tank Mk III* (A13) – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

The armor was upgraded on this tank. This was probably a training tank during the war. It has been painted to represent the tank commanded by Sergeant Ron Huggins, 10th Royal Hussars, in France in 1940 (Museum)



"Megashorts", November 2008 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3030135310/in/set-72157609057315170/>

Covenanter (A13 Mk III) – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

This tank was given to the museum by Lord Ashcombe, after being discovered on his Surrey estate in 1983, where it had lain buried for many years. Restoration was completed in 1985 (info. from the museum)



Craig Moore, May 2017

Covenanter (A13 Mk III) restoration project – Denbies Vineyard, Dorking (UK)

Covenanter Tank T18656, built by English Electric in a 300 tank batch T18361 - T18660 in the first quarter of 1941 (Craig Moore). For unknown reasons, this tank was buried after the war on a farm near Dorking Surrey. In the early 1980s it was discovered with another tank now on display at Bovington. This one was reburied and left there till today (May, 2017) on the Denbies vineyard. It was uncovered on May 23rd, 2017. The Covenanter turret in the photo did not come with the Dorking tank. It was picked up from a British firing range



Jimmy Sharp, August 2019 - https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10156557710780208&id=644105207

Covenanter Bridgelay – Royal Australian Armoured Corps Tank Museum Puckapunyal, VIC (Australia)



"TMA 0", June 2009 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/39568612@N08/sets/72157619895388361/?page=3>

Covenanter Bridgelayers – Royal New South Wales Lancers Lancer Barracks and Museum, Parramatta (Australia)



<https://www.facebook.com/305628582806071/photos/a.494287237273537/2574063442629229/?type=3&theater>

Covenanter Bridgelayers hull – Private collection (New Zealand)

Currently undergoing a high quality restoration (Alex Denby). This was brought from gov't disposal by my grandfather and was supposed to be used for a boxthorn hedgecutter in South Taranaki but during the trial runs around the farm it used up 44 gallons of petrol in a morning so being the Scotsman that he was he parked it in a shed and brought a few Valentine's instead. It was great for us as kids to have all his ex Military vehicles to play on and I remember the day that the Covenanter was dragged from the shed and transported to MOTAT in the late 1970's (Brian Wingate)



"DT25", June 2009 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/27124479@N05/3629655951/in/photostream/>



<http://www.marinet.org.uk/mad/coastalerosion6.jpg>

Two Covenanter (A13 Mk III) hull remains – Titchwell Beach, Norfolk (UK)



Neil Burrige, March 2012

Covenanter (A13 Mk III) wrecked hull – Fire range, West End, Surrey (UK)



"yewenyi", April 2006 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/yewenyi/126866830/in/set-72157594483660957/>

Crusader I (A15) – Royal Australian Armoured Corps Tank Museum
Puckapunyal, VIC (Australia)



<http://tank-photographs.s3-website-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/a15-crusader-mk1-tank-national-railway-museum.html>

Crusader II (A15) – Private collection (UK)

Although it has the small auxilliary turret with a machine gun mount that may identify it as an Mk I, it is an Mk II. It features flat, hexagonal screws as armor plate fixing and 2 exposed headlights protected by curved metal bars, among other Mk II recognition features (source : Peter Brown)



<https://www.facebook.com/FansofDuxford>

Crusader II (A15) – Imperial War Museum, Duxford (UK)



Pascal Flury, August 2019

Crusader II (A15) – Royal Jordanian Tank Museum (Jordan)

This tank was donated by the School of Armour Museum, Tempe, Bloemfontein in December, 2013



Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2020

Crusader II (A15) – Wonderboom Military Museum, Waterval, near Wallmansthal North Pretoria (South Africa)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2020

Crusader II (A15) – National Museum of Military History
Johannesburg (Republic of South Africa)



FJR Louw, February 2011

Crusader II (A15) – Light Horse Regiment, Kelvin, Johannesburg (Rep. of South Africa)
The barrel is a fake one



Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2020

Crusader II (A15) – Moth Hall, Florida (Dardanelles), Johannesburg (South Africa)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2020

Crusader II (A15) – Moth Hall, Roodepoort (Chilly Trench), Johannesburg (South Africa)



FJR Louw, January 2011

Crusader II (A15) – Cosy Corner Shellhole, Brakpan, Gauteng province (South Africa)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2020

Crusader II (A15) – Warrior Shellhole, Muldersdrift, Gauteng province (South Africa)



http://www.69dude.co.uk/gallery2/main.php?g2_itemId=161&g2_page=5

Crusader II (A15) – Defence Works Formation, Van Riebeeek road, Thaba Tswane, Pretoria, Gauteng province (South Africa)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2020

Crusader II (A15) – Pretoria Regiment base (on Magasyn Road), Salvokop Pretoria, Gauteng province (Republic of South Africa)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2020

Crusader II (A15) – School of Armour Museum, Tempe
Bloemfontein, Free State province (Republic of South Africa)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2020

Crusader II (A15) – School of Armour Museum, Tempe
Bloemfontein, Free State province (Republic of South Africa)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2020

Crusader II (A15) – Special Services Battalion Museum, Tempe
Bloemfontein, Free State province (Rep. of South Africa)



http://www.sandstone-estates.com/classic_military_vehicles/Crusader_Tank/Crusader_Tank_Successfully_Relocated.pdf

Crusader II (A15) – Stored at Hogsville, Free State province (Republic of South Africa)

This Crusader was donated by the Olifantsfontein Tiger Moth Club, which is no longer able to keep it. Before going to a restoration facility, the tank is temporarily stored at Hogsville, RSA (Sandstone Heritage Trust)



Arthur D Wilding

Crusader II (A15) – Lord Allenby Shellhole, Estcourt, Natal Province (South Africa)



Chris Hughes, November 2009 - http://www.toadmanstankpictures.com/crusader_mkii.htm

Crusader II (A15) – Currently stored in California (USA)

This vehicle was part of Jacques Littlefield Collection in California. The entire Littlefield collection was donated to the Collings Foundation, and only 80 of the 240 vehicles of the collection will be displayed in a new museum, which will be built in Massachusetts. The other ones will be sold in an auction in August 2014



"Megashorts", May 2009 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3509787673/in/set-72157609057315170/>

Crusader III (A15) – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

This Crusader has serial number T126272 and as it is a Mark III, it has the larger 6 pounder gun. It was built by Nuffield Mechanization and Aero in mid 1942. It spent its service life at the School of Tank Technology before coming to the Tank Museum in 1949 (Museum)



Ken Meegan, November 2012 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/namcys11/8253718545/in/set-72157627361694065>

Crusader III (A15) – El-Alamein War Museum (Egypt)



Jonathan Bernstein, July 2021

Crusader III (A15) – Fort Lee U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, VA (USA)

This tank was obtained from the British War Office for test at APG and retained in museum, 1943-1944 (Tank Data, 11).
Previously displayed in Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD



Pierre-Olivier Buan, April 2022

Crusader (A15) hull – 2nd Dragoon Regiment, Fontevraud (France)



Eric Kauffmann, February 2011

Crusader (A15) hull – MM Park, La Wantzenau (France)



Unknown source, photo provided by Rafał Białecki

Crusader I or II (A15) wreck – Unknown location (Iraq)

The tank shown is an early example of the same initial batch of Crusaders that included the Australian Crusader in that, although the front was rebuilt with a full Mk II up-armouring, including the section that protects the front of the fighting compartment around the turret ring. It still was refitted with the original Cyclops style head lamp meaning it had to come from the batch T15546 - T15745. Most probably a rebuild of an early vehicle used in training and sent out to Iraq possibly as part of the re-equipping of the Royal Iraq Army prior to the British leaving -significantly A13 Covenanters made up the recce component of HQ when the British style Army Tank Brigade was mooted in 1940-41, 1CATB had Covenanters so possibly a re-imposition of the original Army Tank Brigade concept. As to the tank the stand off style of some of the additional plates (Steve Osfield)



Marc Romanych



Marc Romanych, 2016



Marc Romanych



Marc Romanych

1 Crusader (A15) wreck and 3 Crusader hulls
Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge, Laurel, MD (USA)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2019

Crusader III AA Mk III (A15) – Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, August 2008 - <http://news.webshots.com/album/566321611vZcJYT?start=36>

Crusader II Gun Tractor Mk.I – National War and Resistance Museum
Overloon (Netherlands)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, June 2014 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/13963542@N08/14572286062/in/set-72157645512102875/>

Covenanter (A13 Mk III) pilot model (very early/experimental) turret
Bovington Tank Museum (UK)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, June 2014 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/13963542@N08/14571348804/in/set-72157645512102875/>

Crusader (A15) turret – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)



Walter Schwabe, March 2011

Crusader (A15) turret – Staman International Trading, Nijverdal (Netherlands)

This turret was modified, most probably in order to serve as an MG position on a bunker

'm looking for photos of those tanks :

Crusader (A15) :

- Technical Base Complexor or TEK Base Centurion, Pretoria (South Africa)
- OFS Command, Tempe, Bloemfontein (South Africa)
- Training Branch, Army Battle School, Lohatla (South Africa)
- Moth Hall, Middelburg, Mpumalanga Province (South Africa)
- Military Base, Potchefstroom, North West Province (South Africa)

any tank that I forgot....

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