

# Surviving Italian Light tanks and Tankettes

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Listed here are the Italian L3/33, L3/35, L3/38 and L6 that still exist today.



Massimo Foti, July 2009 - <http://www.italie1935-45.com/regio-esercito/materiels/item/210-cv-33-35-et-38>

## L3/33 Prima Serie – Museo Storico della Fanteria, Roma (Italy)

This tank was commanded by Sergeant major Rosolino Sarotti, who died at Hamanlei, Ethiopia, November 11th 1935. He was decorated with Medaglia d'Oro (highest Italian military award). The tank was later recovered and moved back to Roma



Brian Robertson, December 2018

## L3/33 – Museo Storico della Fanteria, Roma (Italy)





Civici Musei di Storia ed Arte di Trieste  
Civico Museo di guerra per la pace "Diego de Henriquez" (inv. n. C.T. 6025)

Massimo Foti, Novembre 2009

### L3/33 – Museo di guerra per la pace Diego de Henriquez, Trieste (Italy)

This tank served in the RSI's army, Gruppo Corazzato "San Giusto", after 1943. Captured by allied forces, it was acquired by Diego de Henriquez in October 1945 (Stefano di Giusto)



"Fante", January 2005 - <http://miles.forumcommunity.net/?t=14122118>

### L3/33 – Caserma "Trizio", Altamura (Italy)





"Fante" - <http://miles.forumcommunity.net/?t=9489605>

### L3/33 – Sacrario Caduti d'Oltremare, Bari (Italy)

Moved away in 2008, should be under restoration (Saverio Radogna)



"Cooper", June 2009 - <http://freeforumzone.leonardo.it/lofi/Giornata-in-Normandia-/D8602972.html>

### L 3/33 – Caserma "Babini", Bellinzago Novarese (Italy) – running condition

The original gasoline engine was replaced with the 72HP diesel engine from a Fiat 132 2.5D car. S/N 293





<https://www.facebook.com/crcs.onlus/photos/4219532174793956>

L3/33 – Caserma "De Carli", Cordenòns (Italy)

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"WTL-Ottawa", August 2007 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/wtl/1269988000/in/set-72157601748571658/>

L3/33 – Canadian War Museum, Ottawa (Canada)  
Currently on loan to the Australian War Memorial Museum

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<https://andorreandoporelmundo.com/2020/05/que-visitar-ver-y-hacer-en-managua-nicaragua/>

### L3/33 – Managua (Nicaragua)

This L 3/33 is reputed one of two tanks to have originally been a gift from Benito Mussolini to Anastasio Somoza Garcia. One tank was reported as runner in 1979



<http://www.museowalterrama.it/eventi/restauro-carro-l3/>

### L3/35 – Museo delle Forze Armate 1914-1945, Mmontechio-Maggiore (Italy)

Previously displayed on a military base in Kabul and used as monument to commemorate Lieutenant colonel Carmine Calò, an UN observer who was killed in Kabul, 22th August 1998. Given to the association by General Battisti in 2012





<https://www.facebook.com/groups/451077191685419>

### L3/35 – Museo della Cavalleria, Pinerolo (Italy)

This tank was commanded by Second Lieutenant Luigi Fuccia, who died during the Spanish Civil War. He was decorated with Medaglia d'Oro (highest Italian military award)



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/451077191685419>

### L3/35 – Museo della Cavalleria, Pinerolo (Italy)

Formely at "Lodi Cavalleria"





"guidopiano", March 2009

L3/35 – Caserma "De Carli", Cordenòns (Italy) – running condition  
Restored with a modern engine from a FIAT Campagnola AR 70 and incorrect engine's cowling

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"Fabio", February 2008 - [http://www.modellismopiu.net/m+gallerie/main.php?g2\\_itemId=337555](http://www.modellismopiu.net/m+gallerie/main.php?g2_itemId=337555)

L3/35 – Caserma "Mittica", Pordenone (Italy)

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Stefano Ancarani - [http://www.modellismopiu.net/m+gallerie/main.php?q2\\_itemId=21866](http://www.modellismopiu.net/m+gallerie/main.php?q2_itemId=21866)

L 3/35 – Caserme "Nacci" e "Zappalà", Lecce (Italy)

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[http://digilander.libero.it/pmg/contributi/censimento/8\\_l3\\_lecce.htm](http://digilander.libero.it/pmg/contributi/censimento/8_l3_lecce.htm)

L3/35 – Caserme "Nacci" e "Zappalà", Lecce (Italy)

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Ugo Vincenzo Bosciero, 2019

L 3/35 – Caserma "Beraudo di Pralormo", Grosseto (Italy)

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Filippo Cappellano, 1995 - [http://digilander.libero.it/pmg/contributi/censimento/6\\_l3\\_cesano.htm](http://digilander.libero.it/pmg/contributi/censimento/6_l3_cesano.htm)

L3/35 – Caserma "Becchi", Cesano (Italy)

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Filippo Cappellano, 2003 - [http://digilander.libero.it/pmg/contributi/censimento/26\\_l3\\_aosta.htm](http://digilander.libero.it/pmg/contributi/censimento/26_l3_aosta.htm)

L3/35 – Reggimento di Cavalleria "Lancieri di Aosta", Palermo (Italy) – running condition



"nik1970", May 2008 - <http://forum.worldwar.it/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=142&t=10276>

**L3/35 – Caserma "Durli", Palmanova (Italy)**

This tank should be on loan to a private association in order to restore ([forum.worldwar.it](http://forum.worldwar.it))





Simone Necco, June 2013 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/41890777@N07/9676292209/>

L3/35 – F. Temeroli collection (Italy) – running condition

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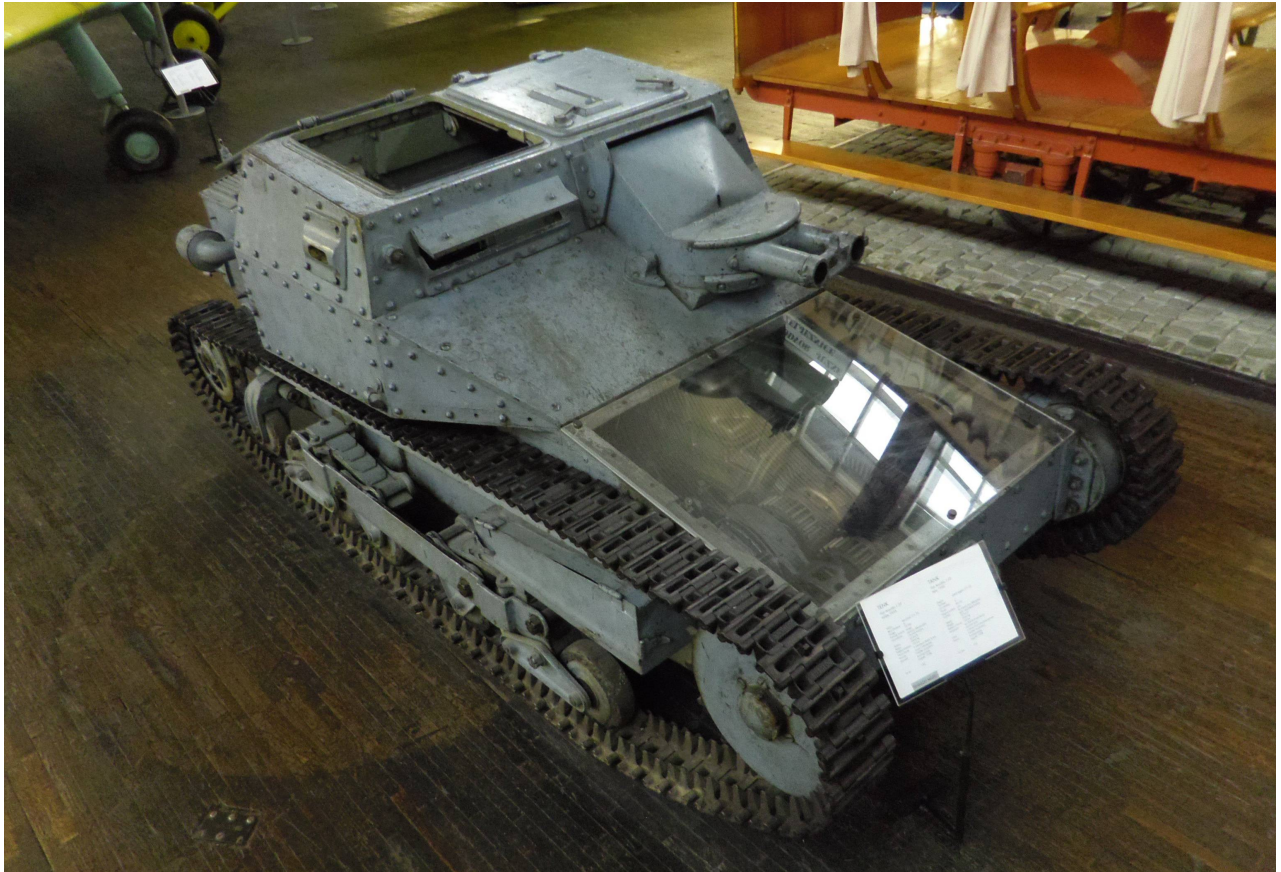


"JonCatalán", May 2008 - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Spanish\\_CV33\\_at\\_El\\_Goloso.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Spanish_CV33_at_El_Goloso.jpg)

L 3/35 – El Goloso Museum, Madrid (Spain)

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Pierre-Olivier Buan, April 2015

L 3/35 – Technical Museum, Zagreb (Croatia)

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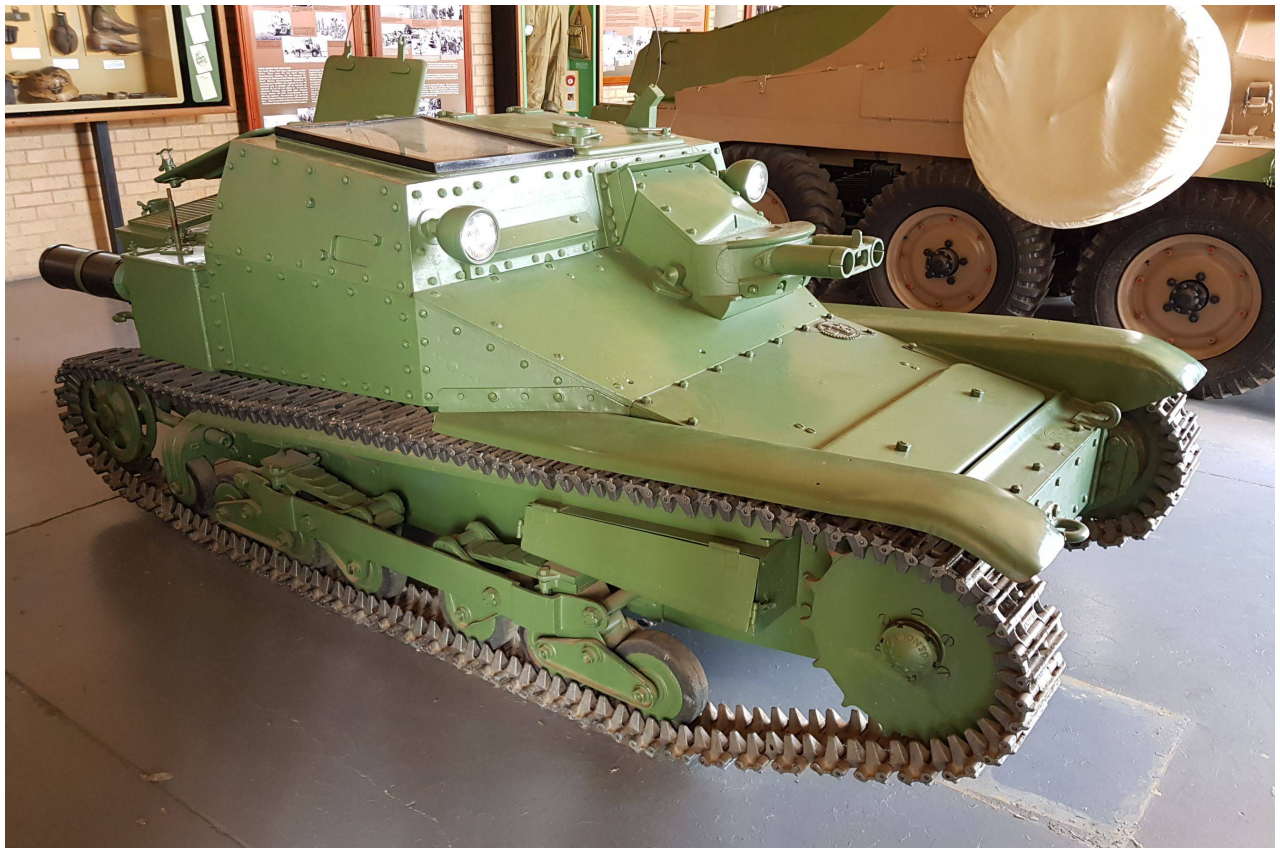


Pierre-Olivier Buan, April 2015

L3/35 – Kalemegdan Military Museum, Belgrade (Serbia)  
Hungarian Army's model

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Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2020

### L3/35 – Museum of Military History, Johannesburg (Republic of South Africa)

Details about restoration [http://www.ambrescia.com/photofile/Veicoli\\_terrestri\\_uniformi/\\_2/cv35/cv\\_35\\_sa.html](http://www.ambrescia.com/photofile/Veicoli_terrestri_uniformi/_2/cv35/cv_35_sa.html)



Brian McMorro, February 2005 - <http://www.pbace.com/bmcmorrow/image/40670187>

### L 3/35 – Military Museum, Sana'a (Yemen)





<https://gmic.co.uk/topic/48587-italian-army-l335-tankette-tiny-tank-in-tikrit-iraq-2011/page/2/>

L3/35 – COB Speicher, Tikrit (Iraq)

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Giuseppe Lo Gaglio, 2004 - [http://digilander.libero.it/pmg/contributi/censimento/33\\_l3\\_afg.htm](http://digilander.libero.it/pmg/contributi/censimento/33_l3_afg.htm)

L3/35 – Kabul (Afghanistan)

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<http://www.anaconegliano.it/sezione/2000/2003/2003kabul2.htm>

Two L3/35 – Kabul (Afghanistan)

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"Tony-Sahib", October 2009 - [http://op-for.com/2009/10/tankette\\_1.html](http://op-for.com/2009/10/tankette_1.html)

L3/35 – Kabul Military Training Center (Afghanistan)

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Peter Jouvenal, April 2017

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L3/35 – Afghan Army logistic base, Kabul (Afghanistan)



November 2009

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L3/35 – Pul-e-Charkhi, near Kabul (Afghanistan)





"NTG842", September 2018 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/52287882@N05/albums/7215771111401636/page2/>

### L3/35 – Military Museum of the Chinese People's Revolution, Beijing (China)

This tank was captured by the PLA from the Nationalists during the liberation of Shanghai in 1949



MCVMARJ, May 2010 - <http://picasaweb.google.com/CVMARJ/BLINDADOS2010>

### L3/35 – Escola de Material Bélico (EsMB), Vila Militar Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) – running condition





Nelson Rapello - <http://www.aprj.com.br/artigos/artigo20.html>

L3/35 – Museu Histórico do Exército (Conde de Linhares), São Cristóvão  
Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

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<https://www.facebook.com/institutomarquesdoherval/photos/pcb.623842274783229/623841634783293>

L3/35 – 15º Regimento de Cavalaria Mecanizada, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

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<https://www.sangueverdeoliva.com.br/index.php/noticias/exercito/117-15-rcmec-transmissao-de-cargo>

L3/35 monument – 15º Regimento de Cavalaria Mecanizada, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)



Massimo Foti, March 2011 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/massimofoti/5593962187/in/set-72157626270470716>

L3/33 Lanciafiamme – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

This flamethrower variant, complete with 520 litre unarmoured fuel trailer, was built in 1935 and used by the Ariete Armoured Division. It took part in unsuccessful attacks on Tobruk in April-May 1941 and was captured soon afterwards. Shipped to the UK for evaluation, it came to the Tank Museum in 1951 (Museum)





Massimo Foti, November 2009

### L3/35 Lanciafiamme – Museo di guerra per la pace Diego de Henriquez, Trieste (Italy)

This flamethrower has a different configuration than the one in Bovington, it doesn't require a trailer. This tank served in the RSI's army, Gruppo Corazzato "San Giusto", after 1943. Captured by allied forces, it was acquired by Diego de Henriquez in October 1945 (Stefano di Giusto)



Massimo Foti, September 2010

### L3/38 – Caserma "Mara", Solbiate Olona (Italy)





Massimo Foti, July 2009

L3/38 – Museo della Motorizz. Militare della Cecchignola, Roma (Italy) – running c.  
This tank still uses an original engine

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Daniele Gioni, July 2008 - <http://forum.worldwar.it/Forum/viewtopic.php?f=59&t=4877&hilit=censimento&start=275>

L3/38 – Caserma "Pisano", Teulada (Italy) – running condition  
The engine isn't original. Picture taken during "Caserme Aperte" event

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### L3/38 – F. Temeroli collection (Italy) – running condition

Recovered in Corsica, where it was used as tractor in a farm. The engine was recovered in Italy. Restoration started in 2000 and lasted 15 months



Yuri Pasholok, September 2016 - <https://www.facebook.com/>

### 35M Ansaldo – Kubinka Tank Museum (Russia)

L 3/35 modified by the Hungarian Army, adding a square commander cupola. This tank was captured by the Soviet in the military barracks at Piliscsaba. Serial number H-153





Massimo Foti, September 2010 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/massimofoti/4981459379/in/set-72157624809164927/>

### L 6/40 – Caserma "Mara", Solbiate Olona (Italy)

There are reasons to believe this tank was used as a tractor by the Germans during WW II. It used to be in Vercelli during the fifties, then in Legnano barracks. The turret is a steel replica (it used to have a sheet metal one in Legnano), some idler wheels, the lifting jack, the antenna and the glacis lights aren't original



<https://www.google.com/maps/>

### L 6/40 – Military Museum, Citadel, Gjirokastër (Albania)





<https://patriotp.ru/novosti/restavratsiya-fiat-l6-40-v-parke-patriot/>

L6/40 – Kubinka Tank Museum (Russia)



Jean-Baptiste Santoni, November 2021

Semovente da 47/32 – Musée de la résistance, Zonza, Corsica (France)

60 Semovente were shipped to Corsica island during WW2. This tank was used for agricultural and forestry works after WW2. In 2008, the tank was discovered by Jean-Noël Aiqui, and restored. It is thought that only the lower hull is original, and that the upper hull is a reproduction





"grobianischus", June 2008 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/chrisstreckfus/2542175037/in/photostream/>

Semovente da 47/32 – Fort Lee U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, VA (USA)

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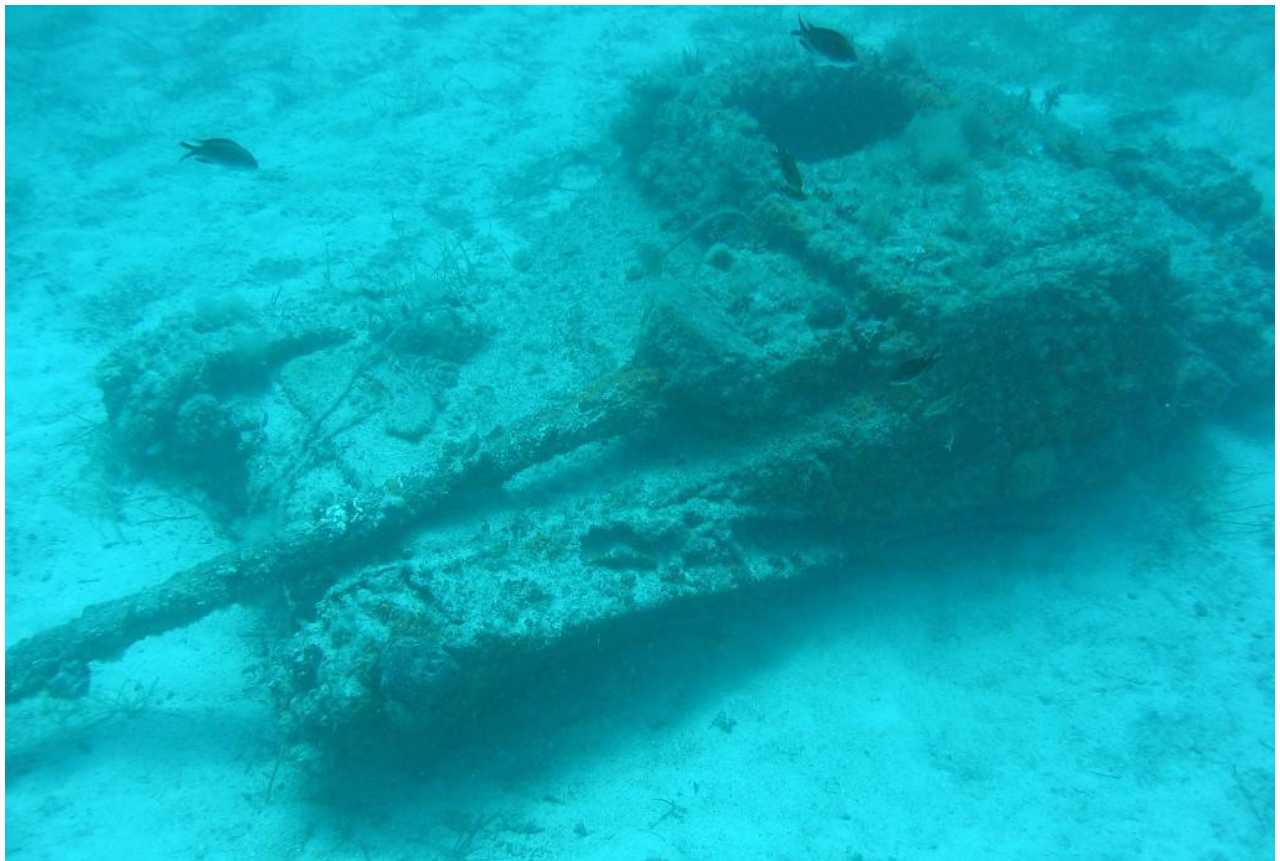


Terry Warner, 2003

L3 wreck – Drvar (Bosnia-Herzegovina)

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<https://www.sirene-plongee.com/en/gallery/>



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L3 wrecks – Off the coast near Djerba (Tunisia)  
One wreck seems to be a L3 CC anti-tank (controcarro)

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I'm looking for photos of those tanks :

L3/33. – Private Collection, Italy? It carries the number "RE1131"

L3/35 – Academia Militar das Agulhas Negras, em Resende (Brasil)

More brazilian L 3/35?

Additional, updated info and pictures on L 3s discovered in Afghanistan. Rumours one was moved back to Italy at Reggimento Artiglieria da Montagna di Tolmezzo

any Italian light tank or tankette that I forgot....

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