

Surviving Japanese Medium Tanks

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Listed here are the Japanese Medium tanks that still exist today.



Max Smith, October 2007 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Type_89_Yi-Go_at_Tsuchira.jpg

Type 89B I-Go Otsu – Tsuchiura Tank Museum, Tsuchiura (Japan) – running c.



"Sturmvoegel 66", December 2008 - <http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Type89right.jpg>

Type 89B I-Go Otsu – Sinbudai Old Weapon Museum, Camp Asaka (Japan)



Jonathan Bernstein, July 2021

Type 89B I-Go Otsu – Fort Lee U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, VA (USA)
Previously displayed in Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD



Justin Taylan, 2005 - <http://www.wiglaf.com/front.html>

Type 89B I-Go Otsu – Kieta, Bougainville province (Papua New Guinea)



John Douglas, August 2008 - <http://www.pacificwrecks.com/tank/type89-yi-go/ruri2/2008/type89-side.html>

Type 89B I-Go Otsu – Bonis, Bougainville province (Papua New Guinea)



Yoji Sakaida, August 2005 - <http://www.pacificwrecks.com/tank/type89-yi-go/ruri/2005/type89-front.html>

Type 89B I-Go Otsu – Ruru Bay, Bougainville province (Papua New Guinea)



https://twitter.com/sayabu_/status/986888207601025024

Type 89B I-Go Otsu – Somewhere on Bougainville Island (Papua New Guinea)



Roger Davis, January 2008

Type 89B I-Go Otsu – Villa Escudero, Tiaong, Luzon Island (Philippines)



Photo provided by Al Kelly

Type 89B I-Go Otsu – Indonesian Army Tank School, Padalarang, West Java (Indonesia)



Yuri Pasholok, September 2011 - <http://yuripasholok.livejournal.com/258071.html>

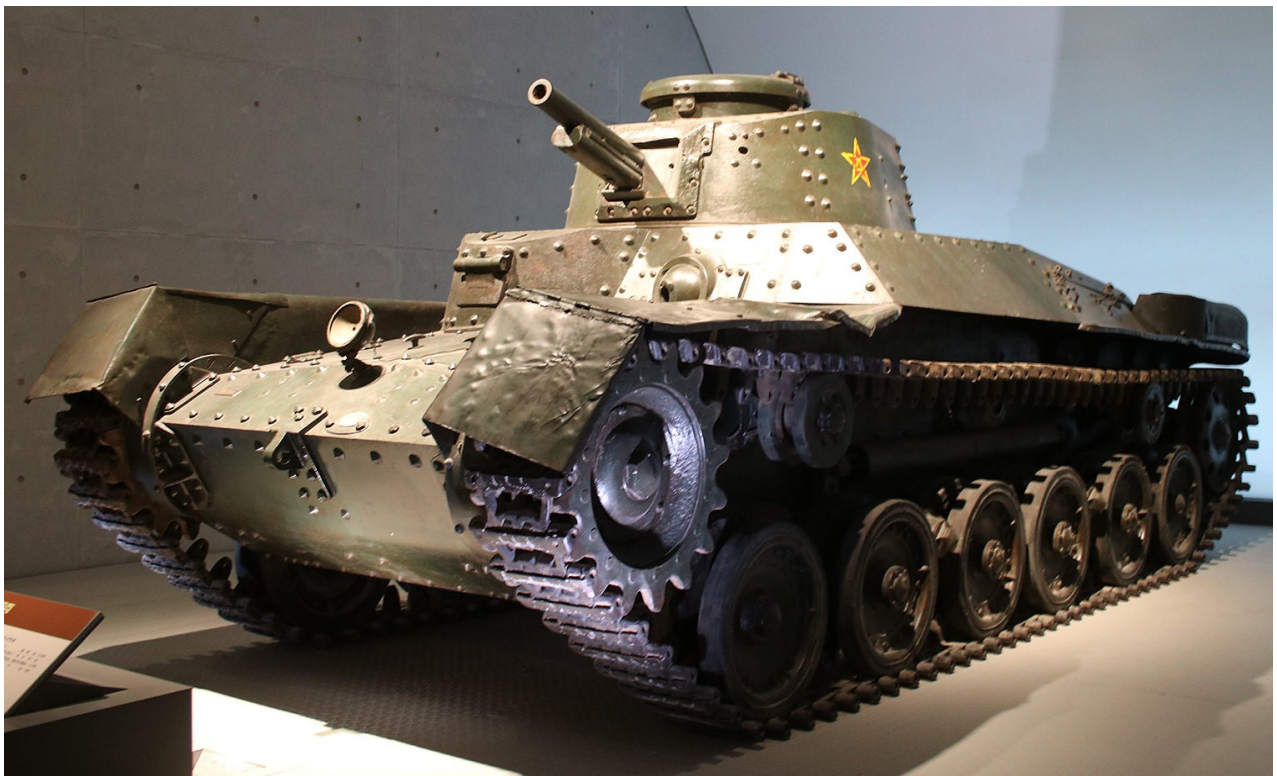
Type 97 Chi-Ha – Victory Park at Poklonnaya Gora, Moscow (Russia)

This tank was recovered from Shumshu, Kuril Islands, it has been cosmetically restored and is displayed as new exhibition : "Soviet-Japan battles of 1945"



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/307283852755257/permalink/2953984948085121>

Type 97 Chi-Ha – Slawa Lehn Collection, Moscow (Russia)
Comes from Shumshu, Kuril Islands (Russia)



"NG842", September 2019 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/52287882@N05/albums/72157711111401636/page2/>

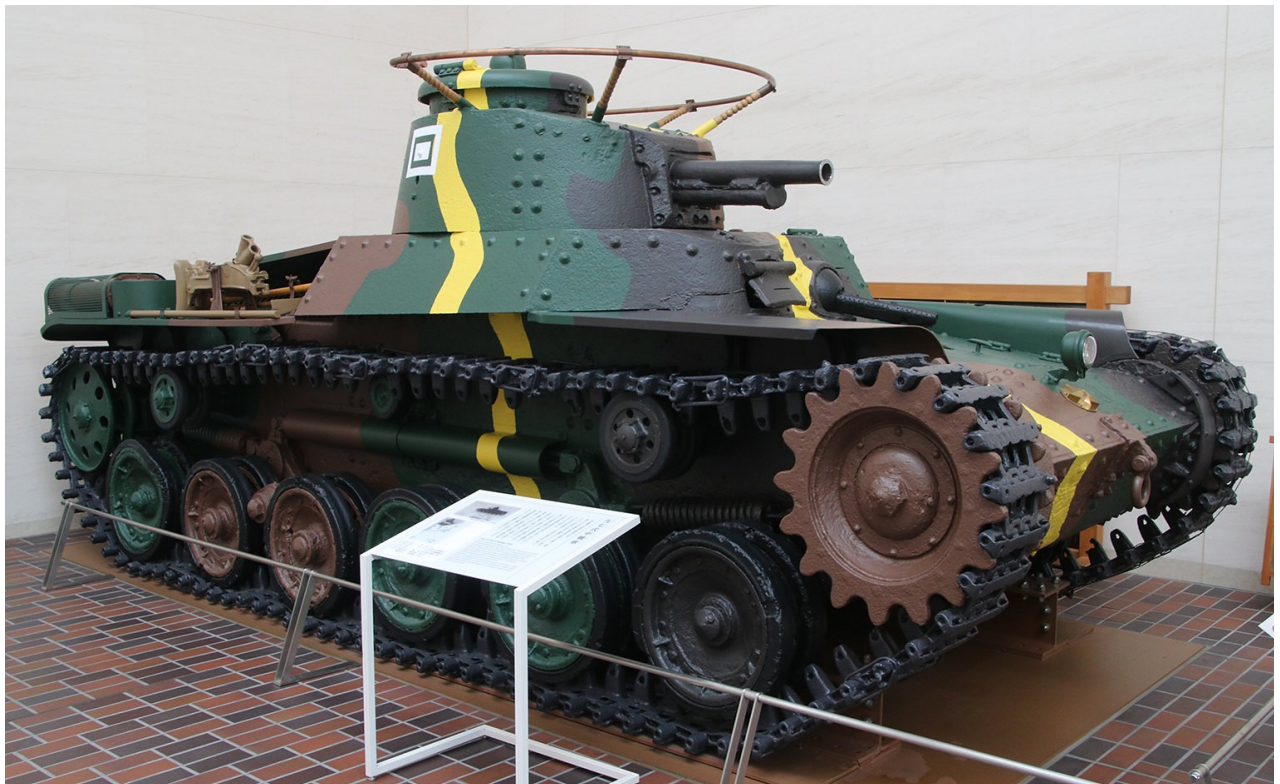
Type 97 Chi-Ha – Military Museum of the Chinese People's Revolution, Beijing (China)



"TMA_O", October 2009 – <http://www.flickr.com/photos/39568612@N08/3977618946/in/set-72157622507434214/>

Type 97 Chi-Ha –The Tank Museum, Beijing (China)

It was donated by the Soviet 7th mechanized division before they withdrew from China in 1955 ("Miller")



"NG842", September 2019 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/52287882@N05/albums/7215771111401636/page2/>

Type 97 Chi-Ha – Yūshūkan Museum, Yasukuni Shrine, Tokyo (Japan)

This tank was part of the 9th Tank Regiment first based in Manchuria, then in April 1944 was sent to Saipan. During the battle of Saipan, the unit fought to the last man. After the war, Japanese veterans recovered the tank from Saipan. It was donated to Yasukuni Shrine & Museum on 12 April 1975 (<http://www.pacificwrecks.com/tank/type97-chi-ha/yasukuni.html>)



"baku13", August 2010 - http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Wakajishi_Jinja

Type 97 Chi-Ha – Wakajishi Shrine, Fujinomiya, Shizuoka (Japan)

This tank was knocked out during the battle of Saipan, now it serves to honor those who fought in the battle, specifically the very young that died there, seeing as that it was crewed by young men. The tank was pulled up out of the sand of Saipan and finally restored in the 1970's. Inside were some of the remains of its crew and their swords (<http://live.warthunder.com/user/shinhoto/>)



"Choelieq.Liebe", November 2009 - <http://choelieq.blogspot.com/2009/11/panorama-museum-brawijaya-malang.html>

Type 97 Chi-Ha – Museum Brawijaya Malang, Malang (Indonesia)



<http://www.pacificwrecks.com/tank/type97-chi-ha/matanikau/2004/matanikau-tank-turret.html#axzz3YMCnM6be>

Type 97 Chi-Ha – Matanikau River, Guadalcanal (Solomon Islands)



<http://picasaweb.google.com/> - "Neville", December 2008

Two Type 97 Chi-Ha tanks – Sunk in a row, Makada Harbor Duke of York Island (Papua New Guinea)

The tanks are in a row under 4m of water. They have probably been sunk after an unsuccessful unloading in the harbor
(<http://www.pacificwrecks.com/tank/type97-chi-ha/york1.html>)



"Taranov", August 2009 - <http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=11920>

First Type 97 Chi-Ha wreck – near Hill 171, Shumshu, Kuril Islands (Russia)

This vehicle belonged to the 11th Tank Regiment, and was knocked out on 18 August 1945, at 3:00 PM (local time). It has two hits on the front of the turret, but it's not a critical damage. There are also 3 holes in the rear turret hatch, incl. one hit in rear turret ammunition rack. All hits at the back of the turret were done with AT rifles and caused critical damages, then the tank burned out ("Taranov")



Yuri Pasholok, August 2009 - <http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=11920>

Second Type 97 Chi-Ha wreck – near Hill 171, Shumshu, Kuril Islands (Russia)

Said to have been moved to Murmansk in 2021 : https://twitter.com/japan_war1945/status/1355489031035863041



"heritagefutures", September 2007 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/heritagefutures/1391264235/>

First Type 97 Chi-Ha wreck – Saipan Island (Northern Mariana Islands)



"HRC", August 2018 - <https://www.facebook.com/HRC.SPN/photos/pcb.2148378692105539/2148377885438953/?type=3&theater>

Second Type 97 Chi-Ha wreck – Beach Road, Saipan Island (Northern Mariana Islands)



"Saipan Pictures", November 2009 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/saipanpictures/4137864444/in/set-72157621870770516/>

Third Type 97 Chi-Ha wreck – Saipan Island (Northern Mariana Islands)



Yuri Pasholok, July 2018 - <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=2136385269912889&set=pcb.2136387166579366>

Type 97 Shinhoto Chi-Ha – Patriot Park, Kubinka (Russia)
Serial Number 6064 (Yuri Pasholok)



<http://englishrussia.com/2012/06/29/military-equipment-exhibition/#more-103810>

Type 97 Shinhoto Chi-Ha – Victory Park at Poklonnaya Gora, Moscow (Russia)

This tank was recovered from Shumshu, Kuril Islands, it has been cosmetically restored and is displayed as new exhibition : "Soviet-Japan battles of 1945"



<http://gvtm.ru/tank-chi-kha>

Type 97 Shinhoto Chi-Ha – State Military Technical Museum, Ivanovskoye Moscow Oblast (Russia) – running condition

This tank was assembled from parts of several blown up tanks, like the Ha-Go. However, the museum managed to recover almost all the original drivetrain. If something was impossible to restore, the museum did a copy of the item (Vadim Elistratov)



"rahul m", November 2010 - <http://picasaweb.google.com/113353781365135287048/CavalryTankMuseumMIRCAhmednagar#>

Type 97 Shinhoto Chi-Ha – Armoured Corps Museum, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra (India)



<http://www.jb.mil.cn/zc/cqcl/zybqp/#p=7DP0OSLR17KK00061>

Type 97 Shinhoto Chi-Ha – Military Museum of the Chinese People's Revolution
Beijing (China)

The Tank's combat serial number is 102. It belonged to former China North-East tank regiment. It took part in the attack of Jinzhou on 14 September 1948, and did great contribution for knocking out KMT's bunkers and MG nests by shooting and ramming. Thus after the battle the tank was awarded with a special name: "The Hero (gong chen hao)". About the tank itself, actually it was assembled by the Chinese army themselves by using destroyed/damaged Chi-Ha parts after the surrender of Japan. This particular tank was built up with a normal Type 97's chassis (57mm gun version) early model, and a Shinhoto Type 97(47mm gun version)'s turret ("miller")



"riverinthecloud", November 2011 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/riverinthecloud/6926934168/in/set-72157629805707969/>

Type 97 Shinhoto Chi-Ha – Ping-Jin Campaign Memorial Hall of Tianjin (China)



"Q McCart", February 2011 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/46386347@N06/5420682692/in/set-72157625986095000/>

Type 97 Shinhoto Chi-Ha – Fort Lee U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, VA (USA)

This tank was captured at Iwo Jima in 1945 (USA AFVs register). This vehicle is currently stored and is not publicly visible



David D. Jackson, January 2019

Type 97 Shinhoto Chi-Ha – Indiana Military History Museum ,Vincennes, IN (USA)

This tank was previously at the Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, VA (Trevor Larkum). It is now temporarily stored at the Indiana Military History Museum ,Vincennes, IN (USA) after the closure of the Ropkey Museum. This Shinhoto Chi-Ha is very interesting because it carried an uparmoured turret which was developed by Soumo arsenal. It has 50mm frontal turret armour thickness compared to the 25mm on normal Chi-Ha ("Miller")



"Vagabond", June 2008 - <http://afvagabond.smugmug.com/>

Type 97 Shinhoto Chi-Ha – National Mus. of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg, TX (USA)



"Paul", February 2016 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/27487434@N04/sets/72157664379816426/page1>

Type 97 Shinhoto Chi-Ha – Royal Australian Armoured Corps Tank Museum
Puckapunyal, VIC (Australia)



"Mower", September 2007 - <http://www.panoramio.com/photo/4774394>



<http://i38.tinypic.com/14c7hpk.jpg>



"Taranov", August 2009 - <http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=11920>

Three Type 97 Shinhotō Chi-Ha tanks – Shumshu, Kuril Islands (Russia)



Max Smith, October 2007 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Japanese_Type_3_Chi-Nu_tank_1.jpg

Type 3 Chi-Nu – Tsuchiura Tank Museum, Tsuchira (Japan) – running c.



Chris Streckfus, November 2008 - <http://flickr.com/photos/chrisstreckfus/3038752465/in/set-72157606474291167/>

Type 1 Ho-Ni SPG – US Army Artillery Museum, Fort Sill, OK (USA)

Previously part of the APG museum. This tank was captured either on Okinawa or in Philippines (USA AFVs register)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, September 2019

Type 4 Ho-Ro SPG – American Heritage Museum, Hudson, MA (USA)

This vehicle belongs to the National Museum of the U.S. Marine Corps, Quantico, VA (USA), it is currently on loan.
It was captured on Okinawa in 1945 (USA AFVs register)



"deattilio" - <http://s10.photobucket.com/albums/a150/deattilio/Amtracs/Barstow/>

Type 4 Ka-Tsu Amphibious Tank
WWII and Korea LVT Museum storage, Yermo Annex, Barstow, CA (USA)



"armyjunk" - <http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=5523&start=45>

Type 95 13T Prime Mover – Near the Airai Village (Republic of Palau)



<https://readyfor.jp/projects/type95HA-GO>

Type 95 13T Prime Mover – In the jungle, Pohnpei (Micronesia)



"globalgrl", January 2008 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/globalgrl/2206069480/>

Type 95 13T Prime Mover – Kokopo War Museum, Kokopo, Rabaul (Papua New Guinea)



Yuri Pasholok - <https://www.facebook.com/ww2motors/posts/1049180898499676>

Type 95 13T Prime Mover – Shumshu, Kuril Islands (Russia)

It was used on the Shumshu Island as a prime mover for 149-mm type 96 fortress gun (Yuri Pasholok)



http://www.kurilstour.ru/islands.shtml?photos_past

Isuzu Type 98 6Ton Prime Mover Ro-Ke – Japanese Memorial for "Bruno" Guadalcanal (Solomon Islands)

Bruno Nana is a native who helped to save lives in 1942 (Pacific Wrecks website)



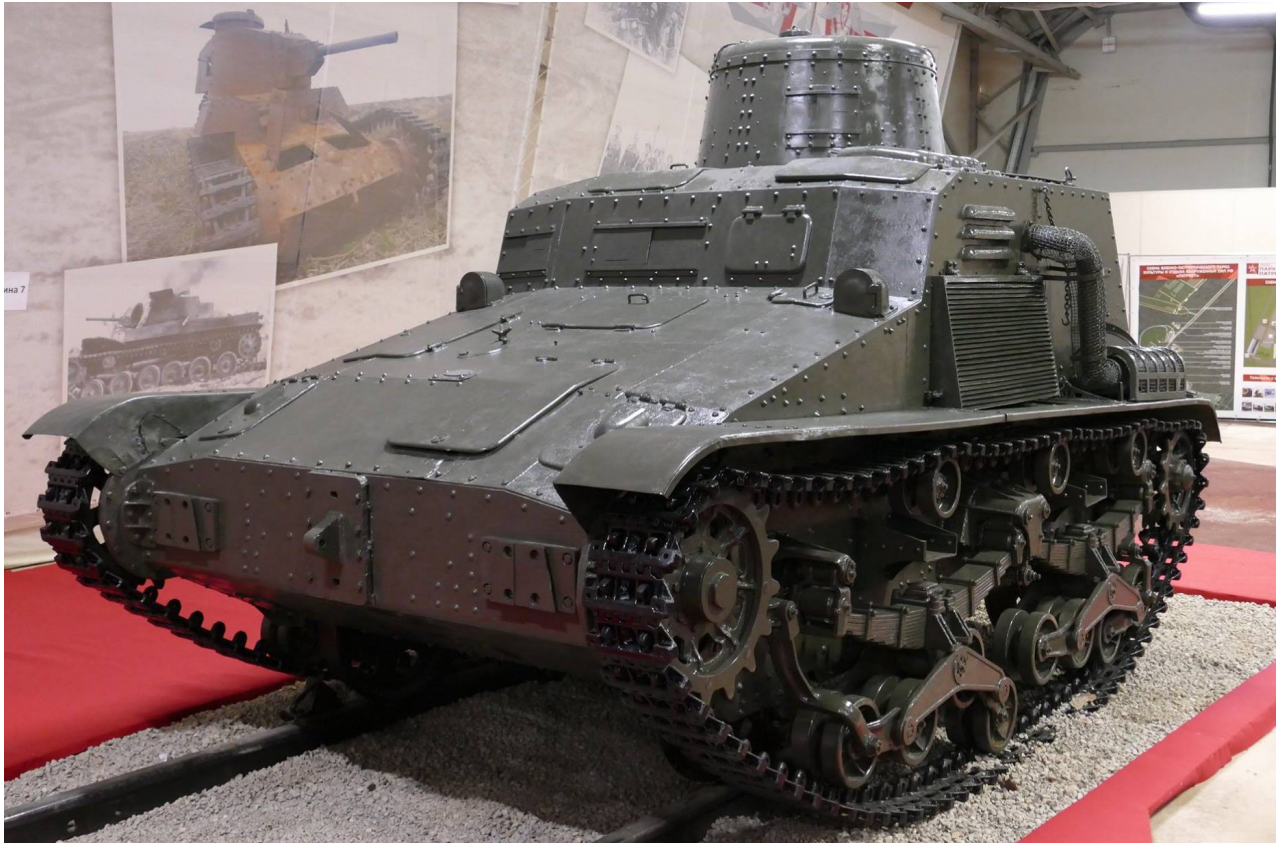
Christian D Smith - <https://plus.google.com/photos/111348799357623936399/albums/5458750592889561617/5458752520584467794>

Isuzu Type 98 6Ton Prime Mover Ro-Ke – Beck Aviation and Military Museum
Mareeba, QLD (Australia)



"Taranov", August 2009 - <http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=11920>

Type 97 Chi-Ha prime-mover tank – near Hill 171, Shumshu, Kuril Islands (Russia)



Yuri Pasholok, July 2018 - <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=2136385269912889&set=pcb.2136387166579366>

Type 95 So-Ki Armored Railroad Car – Kubinka Tank Museum (Russia)
Serial Number 98 (Yuri Pasholok)



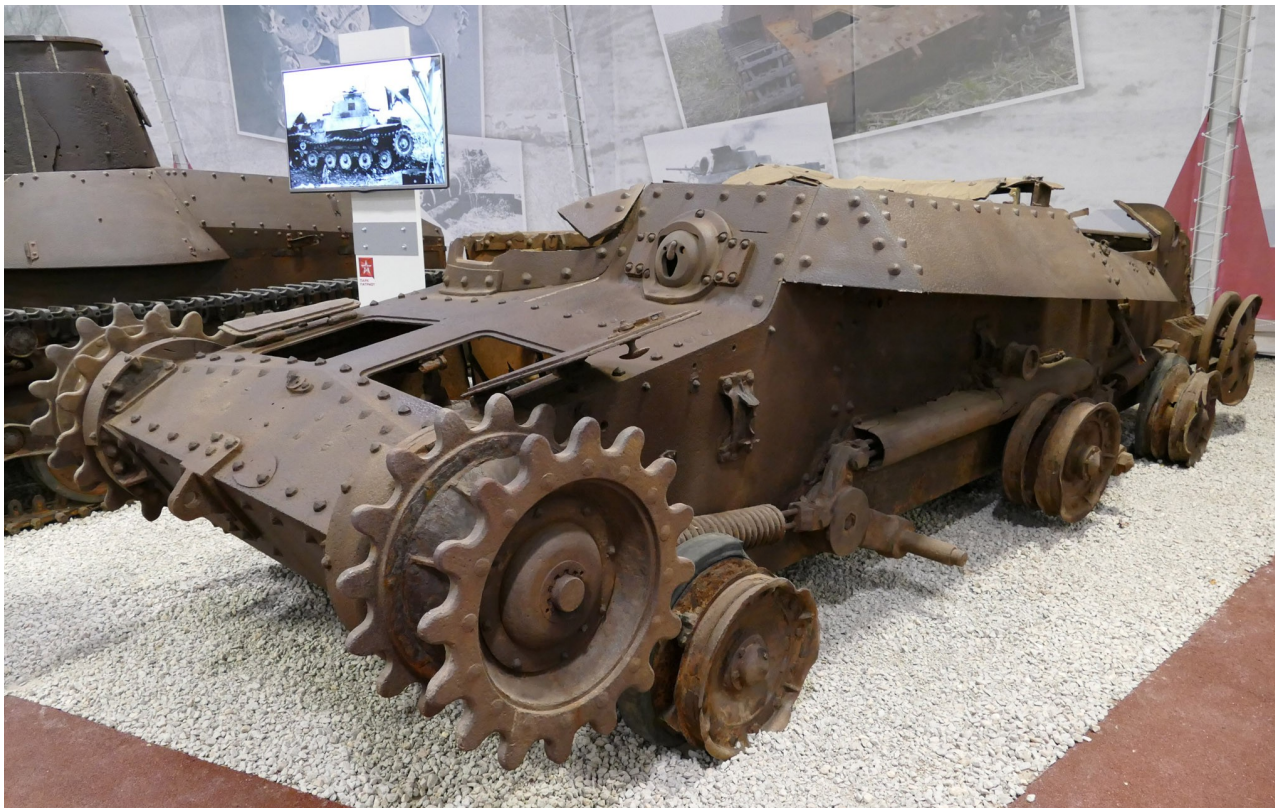
"NG842", September 2019 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/52287882@N05/albums/7215771111401636/page2/>

Type 95 So-Ki Armored Railroad Car – Military Museum of the Chinese People's Revolution,
Beijing (China)



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

Type 97 Shinhoto Chi-Ha hull – Paramushir, Kuril Islands (Russia)



Yuri Pasholok, February 2017 - <http://yuripasholok.livejournal.com/8212610.html>

Type 97 Chi-Ha hull – Patriot Park, Kubinka (Russia)



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

Type 97 Chi-Ha wreck – Paramushir, Kuril Islands (Russia)



Yuri Pasholok, - <https://www.facebook.com/ww2motors/posts/1051941091556990>

Type 97 Chi-Ha wreck – Shumshu, Kuril Islands (Russia)

Type 97 Chi-Ha medium tank, Shumshu, Kuriles islands. Tank was from 11 tank regiment. This tank was knocked out by AT-rifle 18 August 1945. Gun was removed after war (Yuri Pasholok)



<https://twitter.com/arakichi1969/status/917232417340932097>

Type 97 Chi-Ha wreck – Nasu military museum, Tochigi Prefecture (Japan)
According to the museum, this wreck comes from Saipan



Jeremy Richardson

Two Type 89B I-Go Otsu turrets – Malaysian Army Museum, Port Dickson (Malaysia)



Peter Flah, 2008 - <http://guadalcanal.homestead.com/PHOTOS2008.html>

Type 97 Shinhoto Chi-Ha turret – Vilu War Museum, Guadalcanal (Solomon Islands)



<http://s61.radikal.ru/i172/0911/d5/a3dab2abf008.jpg>

Type 97 Chi-Ha and type 97 Shinhoto Chi-Ha turrets
 Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky naval museum, Kamchatka peninsula (Russia)



<https://twitter.com/00interallied/status/925586070846058496/photo/1>



<http://n.sinaimg.cn/spider202021/133/w558h375/20200201/b2e0-intiarp9139994.jpg>

Two Type Shinhoto Chi-Ha **reproductions** – Chengdu Ying-Ming Model developement Ltd, Wenjiang District, Chengdu, Sichuan (China)

I'm looking for photos of those tanks :

Type 97 Chi Ha – sunken at Matanikau River, Guadalcanal (Solomon Islands)

any Japanese Medium tank that I forgot....

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