

Surviving Matilda infantry Tanks

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Listed here are the Matilda infantry tanks that still exist today.



"Megashorts", April 2009 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3469019732/in/set-72157609057315170/>

Matilda I (A11) "Demon" – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)



"Megashorts", June 2010 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/4748846671/in/set-72157624356207158/>

Matilda I (A11) – Bovington Tank Museum (UK) – running condition

This Matilda remained in the UK in 1940. It has civilian registration HMH 802 and military serial number T3447. It was recovered from Otterburn Ranges. It was later restored by Bob Grundy. It is powered by a modern Rover car engine and now used for displays in the Museum arena (info. from the museum)



"tankman102001", April 2007 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/tankman102001/477258396/>

Matilda I (A11) wreck – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)



Craig Moore, April 2019 - <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=867208926961044&set=pcb.867210250294245&type=3&theater>

Matilda II (A12) – Bovington Tank Museum (UK) – running condition

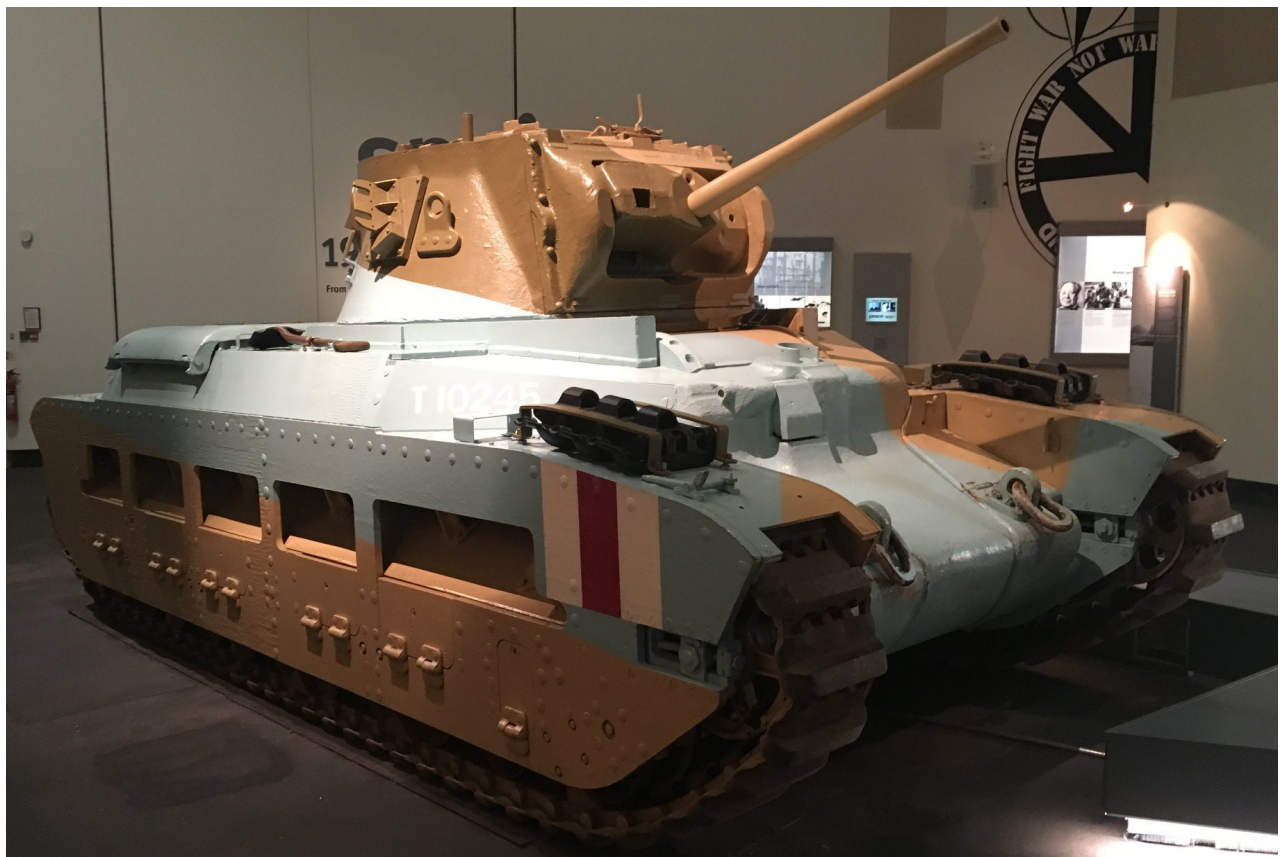
This tank is being restored at the museum's workshops, works have been done on suspension, turret wiring and many other components were in need or repair or replacement (info. from the museum)



Colin Steventon, December 2020 - <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10222851129900802&set=gm.1038266129972919>

Matilda II (A12) – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

This tank was recovered from a firing range and spent many years as a gate-guard with the Royal Tank Regiment (in Tidworth Camp). At the time, it had serial number T7283 painted on. If accurate then it was built by Ruston and Hornsby of Lincoln in late 1939 or early 1940 (Museum)



Ian Wilcox, August 2018 - <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10213878565892290&set=oa.2366622576897904>

Matilda II (A12) – Imperial War Museum North, Stretford, near Manchester (UK)

This tank is one of 500 that were built at Horwich locomotive works, near Bolton (Ian Wilcox)



<https://www.facebook.com/100006715665237/posts/3820285584871926/>

Matilda II – Rex & Rod Cadman Collection (UK)

This tank has turret ring guards, which indicates that it comes from Australia (<http://www.hmvf.co.uk/> forum)



Hermen Goud, July 2011 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/aviagold/6255381326/in/photostream/>

Matilda II (A12) “Grimsby” – Heintz Barracks, Bastogne (Belgium)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2019

Matilda II (A12) "Defiance" – Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France)



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/307283852755257/permalink/2433951976755090>

Matilda II (A12) – Schweizerisches Militarmuseum, Full (Switzerland)

Reportedly ex-Sid Beck Collection. If so, the tank is WD T 35241 (Matt MacMahon), then on display at the Australian Armour and Artillery Museum, Cairns, QLD (Australia)



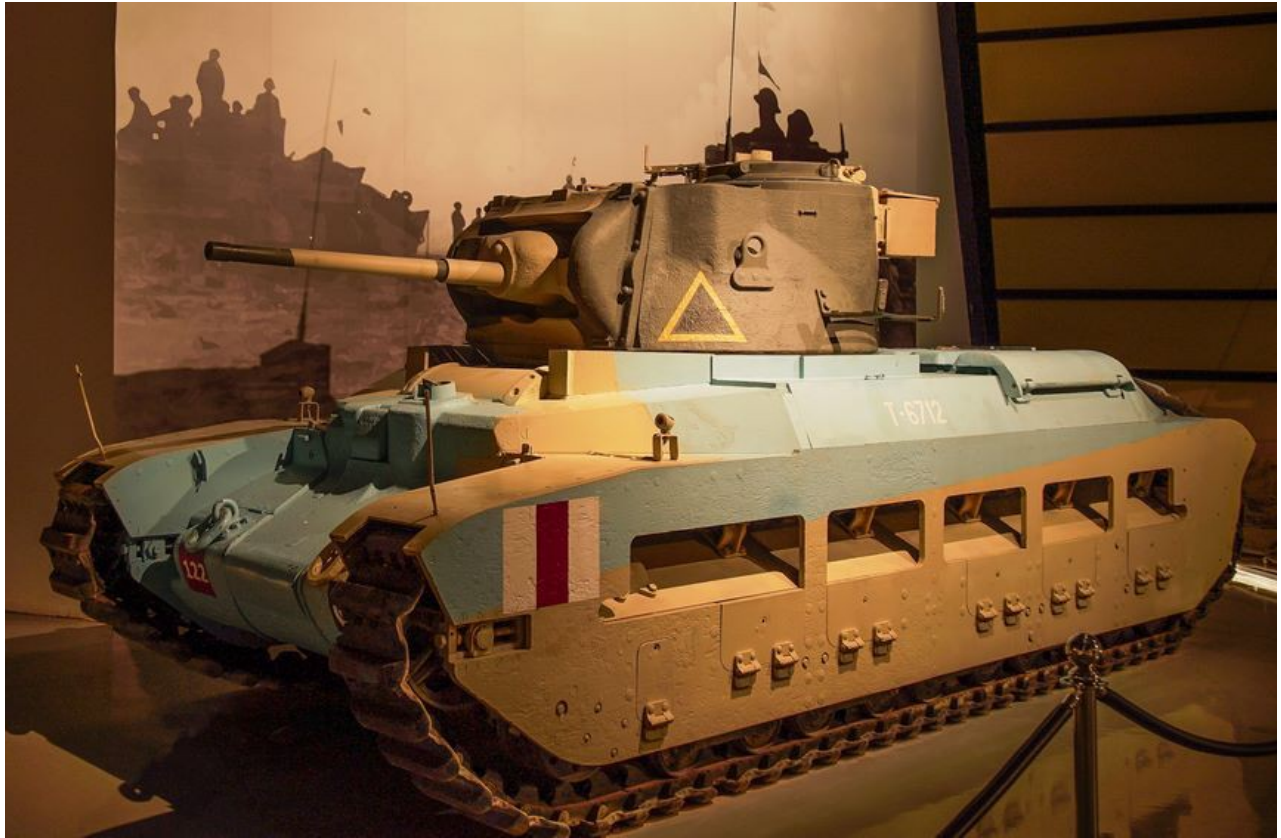
<https://www.lascariswarrooms.com/wwii-tanks>

Matilda II (A12) – Fort Rinella reserve collection, La Valette (Malta)
Formerly part of John Belfield Collection, restored by Ron Fry



Jim Goetz, March 2017 - <https://www.facebook.com/>

Matilda II (A12) "Dover" – Yad la-Shiryon Museum, Latrun (Israel)



"The Challenger", January 2018 - <https://www.facebook.com/wgchallenger/>

Matilda II – Royal Jordanian Tank Museum (Jordan)



Picture provided by Ron Fry

Matilda II – Vadim Zadorozhny Museum, Arhangelskoe, Moscow Oblast (Russia)

This exhibit came from the Ron Fry collection, who restored it to its current static display condition



Vitaly Kuzmin, April 2020 - <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.2609824352477954&type=3>

Matilda II – Museum of military equipment "Battle Glory of the Urals", Verkhnyaya Pyshma, Sverdlovsk Oblast (Russia)



Jim Goetz, January 2023

Matilda II – Armoured Corps Museum, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra (India)



<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/DbIFbjiU8AAEdG.jpg>

Matilda II (A12) – Crossroads going from the Panguna Mine to Buin in the south, Bougainville Island (Salomon Islands)

This tank was knocked out by either 75 or 120mm the japs had. Two Japanese guns on either side of the tank, one is supposed to have done the fatal shot. The shell exploded just above the drivers head blowing in the periscope and killing him (Cam Finlay)



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Matilda II (A12) – near the Soraken road, Northern Bougainville Island (Salomon Islands)

As I understand a Jap snuck in during the night and planted a mine, when they moved off the next morning off went the mine removing the drivers section (Cam Finlay)



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Matilda II (A12) – Bougainville Island (Salomon Islands)

This tank is unknown to most visitors and is not visible from the road unless you know where to look. Ran over a mine and crushed the driver. When I looked in the compartment the driver's water bottle was still in place, cork intact. The cork was dried up and I doubt it was the original water but it was still full and this was 1981 (Cam Finlay)



Jim Goetz, June 2016

Matilda II – Royal Australian Armoured Corps Tank Museum Puckapunyal, VIC (Australia)



Tim Dunn, June 2016 - <https://www.facebook.com/tim.dunn.9277/>

Matilda II (A12) – Australian Armour and Artillery Museum, Cairns, QLD (Australia)

We are advised that vehicle saw action in WWII fighting Japanese at Balikpapan (Info. from the museum)



Ron Fry

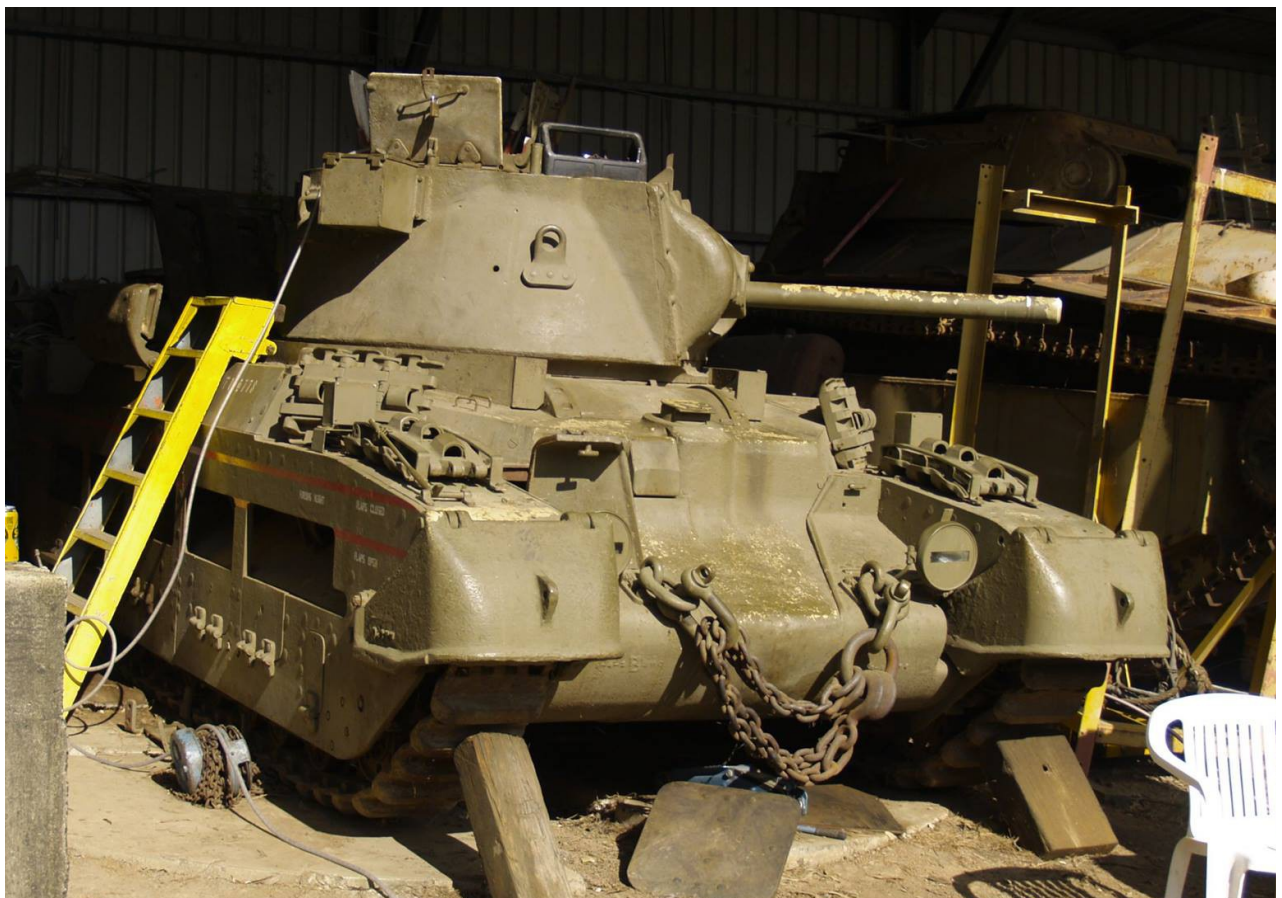
Matilda II (A12) – Australian Armour and Artillery Museum, Cairns (Australia)

"This Matilda was one of the first tanks I restored years ago, hence the LVT turret, which was all I could find to put on it at the time. This Matilda ended up at the Cairns Armour and Artillery Museum. I later built an original turret for the owner, (Rob Lowden), from pieces recovered from an army firing range. He removed the LVT turret and fitted this to the hull" (Ron Fry)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWBwAiRHFxg>

Matilda II (A12) – Bill Cheal Collection, Gilgandra, near Dubbo, NSW (Australia)



<https://www.facebook.com/Camden-Museum-of-Aviation-1510750749175428/photos/>

Matilda II (A12) – Camden aviation Museum, Camden, NSW (Australia) – running c.
This tank is part of the Alan Thomas collection (Matt MacMahon)



Picture provided by Matt McMahon

Matilda II (A12) – Peter Ray Collection, Bilpin, NSW (Australia)



https://www.reddit.com/r/TankPorn/comments/7503wx/matilda_at_the_australian_army_infantry_museum/

Matilda II (A12) – Australian Army Infantry army museum, Singleton, NSW (Australia)

Previously located at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. Seems to have a fake barrel



David Barlow

Matilda II (A12) – Army Training Facility, Singleton, NSW (Australia)

WD T 37153, Chassis number 254 (Matt MacMahon)



Picture provided by Matt McMahon

Matilda II (A12) – Henry Boyes Collection, NSW (Australia)

This tank was made by Ruston & Hornsby. Mr Boyes disposed of in 1955. During the tank's Australian service, it had the following names : "ACME, 5 group "A" Sqn 2nd/9th", "CORIBOU, 2 troop "C" Sqn 1st Arm", "AGILE, "A" Sqn 2nd/9th". It participated to the Tarakan battle in 1945 with this unit (Matt MacMahon)



Roland Gesthuizen, May 2010 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/plakboek/4656225902/>

Matilda II (A12) "Castlemaine" – Army Museum, Bandiana, VIC (Australia)

The Matilda was displayed in a park in Seymour, and moved from there some years ago it is now on display at Bandiana (Ron Fry)



Matt MacMahon, April 2015 - <https://www.facebook.com/>

Matilda II – Private collection (Australia) – running condition



<http://members.tripod.com/stall-change/stall-change-page-6>

Matilda II (A12) – Private collection (Australia)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, September 2019

Matilda II (A12) "Dunkerque" – American Heritage Museum, Hudson, MA (USA)



Charlie Webb, June 2013 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/cmwebbjr/sets/72157634902659362/>

Matilda II (A12) – U.S. Army Armor & Cavalry Coll., Fort Benning, GA (USA)

Formerly part of the Aberdeen proving ground museum. This tank, which is marked with the War Department number T10099 on an October, 1942 picture, was lost to the Germans in a battle at Sidi Rezag-Halfaya Pass in November 1941. It was re-marked by the Germans and used as a pill box at the same pass until recaptured by the British after the battle of El Alamein in October 1942. It was then sent to the US as part of reverse Lend-Lease scrap shipments in 1943 and diverted by COL Jarrett to the APG museum in 1944 (USA AFVs register and Trevor Larkum)



<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=677895377472318&set=pcb.677899690805220>

Matilda II (A12) – National Museum of Military Vehicles, Dubois, WY (USA)

Formerly owned by Rod Keys, QLD (Australia)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, September 2024

Matilda II (A12) – Canadian Forces Base, Borden (Canada)



"Megashorts", November 2008 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3030135298/in/set-72157609057315170/>

Matilda II Canal Defence Light "Dover" – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)



Jim Goetz, August 2015

Matilda CS - Close Support – Victory Park at Poklonnaya Gora, Moscow (Russia)

The turret is a reproduction, only the hull is original ("JiriTintera", AFV News forum)



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

Matilda CS - Close Support – Patriot Park, Kubinka (Russia)

WD number 29908. The tank arrived in USSR in April 1942. In the autumn of the same year it was in a workshop in Kazan. It was most likely used as a training tank at the Kazan cadet school (Yuri Pasholok)



Jim Goetz, June 2016

Matilda CS - Close Support – Royal Australian Armoured Corps Tank Museum
Puckapunyal, VIC (Australia)



John Howells, September 2010 - http://www.lancers.org.au/site/Lancers_Despatch_Feb_2011.asp#museum

Matilda CS - Close Support “Adonis” – Royal New South Wales Lancers Museum
Parramatta, NSW (Australia)



<https://www.facebook.com/Lancers.Museum/photos/pcb.1790813774476802/1790806477810865/?type=3&theater>

Matilda Close Support – Royal New South Wales Lancers Museum Parramatta, NSW (Australia) – running condition

Back in 1998 one of our at that time Museum volunteers, Phil Hastings, told Dave Crisp about a Matilda that was at Moss Vale. He had known about it for twenty years and was going to restore it himself; but lacked the time. A group led by Dave drove to Mittagong to have a look. They found the hull though covered with moss, full of water and leaves was complete with engines. It was surrounded by trees and had not moved for over forty years. After draining out the water and cleaning foliage off the hull Dave looked for a number or name. After much work, he found the number "T29923" and some other faded letters. The number correspond to a tank nicknamed "Ace", which was the name applied to the troop leader 1 Troop A Squadron's tank (John Howells). The tank is currently being restored. WDN 29923 "ACE" Mk IV CS built between Nov 1941 and April 1942 by the Vulcan factory under contract T1244 in a batch of 102 CS vehicles. Operated by the 1st Australian tank Battalion (A Sqn) disposed of on the 1/2/1951 at public auction. (Matt MacMahon)



"Dean", May 2009 - <http://picasaweb.google.com/dean.stalker/EmuGullyLandAndAirSpectacular#5338597350864391618>

Matilda CS - Close Support – John Bourke Collection (Australia) – running condition

The matilda is running on one engine (Matt MacMahon)



<http://ww2live.com/en/content/world-war-2-restored-australian-matilda-tanks-7-photos>

Matilda CS - Close Support – Peter Ray Collection, Bilpin, NSW (Australia)

WDN 19012, Made by LMS (London Midland and Scottish Railways) under contract T302, between 3/7/42 and Feb 43 in a batch of 75 CS Mk IV tanks. originally fitted with engine numbers, L 25223 & R 25224. Originally supplied new to New Zealand. Restored and owned by Peter Ray of NSW. The newspaper article says the tank was restored by the NSW Lancers Memorial Museum, but this is untrue (Matt MacMahon)



"Bukvoed", January 2007 - <http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:Puckapunyal-Matilda-Dozer-2.jpg>

Matilda w/ Dozer blade – Royal Australian Armoured Corps Tank Museum Puckapunyal, VIC (Australia)

This tank is one of the 18 Matilda dozer ever produced, and one of the 6 which had hydraulic blades powered by the main engines
(Matt MacMahon)



Mark Cee, January 2017

Matilda w/ Dozer blade

Australian Armour and Artillery Museum, Cairns, QLD (Australia)

This tank is one of the 18 Matilda dozer ever produced, and one of the 6 which had hydraulic blades powered by the main engines (Matt MacMahon). John Belfield has made it up with mix of original and replacement parts (Rod Bellars)



<http://henk.fox3000.com/infantry.htm>

Matilda w/ Dozer blade – Matt McMahon Collection, Oberon, NSW (Australia)

This tank was built by Fowlers, Serial Number 4610. It is one of the 18 Matilda dozer ever produced, and one of the 6 which had hydraulic blades powered by the main engines (Matt MacMahon)



Jim Goetz, June 2016

Matilda Frog "Devil" – Royal Australian Armoured Corps Tank Museum
Puckapunyal, VIC (Australia)



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Matilda Frog (Flamethrower) – Australian War Memorial, Canberra (Australia)



Photo provided by Matt McMahon

Matilda Frog (flamethrower) – Private collection in Kingaroy, QLD (Australia)

This tank was previously part of the Dubbo Military Museum (Matt MacMahon)



<http://www.milweb.net/webvert/83210>

Matilda Frog (flamethrower) – National Museum of Military Vehicles, Dubois, WY (USA)

This hull is Matilda T-27849 Flame Mark IV, Contract T1267, built between 2nd March and Dec 1942 by Ruston and Hornsby in a batch of 150. The turret, gun mount and gun are reproductions. Formerly part of Ron Fry collection



"Bukvoed", January 2007 - <http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:Puckapunyal-Matilda-Hedgehog-1.jpg>

Matilda Hedgehog "Bullpup" – Royal Australian Armoured Corps Tank Museum
Puckapunyal, VIC (Australia)



"Ivan", June 2008 - <http://picasaweb.google.com/tolmachev.ivan/2008#5214299288582365554>

Matilda II (A12) with Staghound turret
Australian Armour and Artillery Museum, Cairns, QLD (Australia)
This tank was previously part of the Beck Aviation and Military Museum, Mareeba, QLD (Australia)



<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.921948164528007.1073741937.888032457919578&type=3>

Matilda II (A12) with Staghound turret – Paintball range at the Gold Coast Military Museum, Mudgeeraba Gold Coast, QLD (Australia)

This former turretless agricultural tractor (the turret was scrapped after the war) was restored with a Staghound turret (Glenn Simpson)



"Luke", September 2018

Matilda Frog flamethrower wreck – John Belfield Collection, VIC (Australia)



Mick Wilson, May 2024 - <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10161482480217866&set=pcb.10161482481122866>

Matilda hull – Private collection (UK)
comes from Australia



<http://oxcot-mvt.org/Vehicles/Tobin.html>

Matilda CS hull – Tobin Jones Collection (UK)

It was acquired from Ron Fry in Australia. TDN 29931, Mk IV Close Support, originally named "Cyclone". Disposed of 18/10/1950, served with 1st Australian Tank Battalion, C Sqn (Martt MacMahon)



"rog8811", 2007 - <http://hmvf.co.uk/forumvb/album.php?albumid=347>

First Matilda II wrecked hull – Pirbright range, Surrey (UK)



"rog8811", 2007 - <http://hmvf.co.uk/forumvb/album.php?albumid=347>

Second Matilda II wrecked hull – Pirbright range, Surrey (UK)



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Matilda II hull – Near Cape York, Bougainville (Solomon Islands)

Converted to a dozer just after WWII and was used to build a road on Cape York. Now firmly wedged in a creek on an inaccessible mountain (Cam Finlay)



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/341990330921419/permalink/834478998339214/>

Matilda hull – Thuringowa RSL Club, Kelso, QLD (Australia)



Matt McMahon

Matilda hull "Adonis" – Matt McMahon Collection, Oberon, NSW (Australia)
A Sqn, WD T 29920 (Matt MacMahon)



Matt McMahon

Matilda hull – Matt McMahon Collection, Oberon, NSW (Australia)
TDN35344, Mk IV, originally used by 1st Arm Reg FHQ, A Sqn, used in Bougainville 16-6-45. Converted into Dozer by Nixon's in Wagga Wagga NSW after disposal on 5-12-1950. It is still in running condition (Matt McMahon)



Ron Fry

Matilda hull – Private collection, Tamworth, New South Wales (Australia)



Archie Venter

Matilda Mk 2 hull – Wedderburn, NSW (Australia)

It was purchased after the war and converted into a dozer used for illegal logging (Archie Venter)



Jim Goetz, June 2016



Jim Goetz, June 2016



Dirk Spennemann, July 2009 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/heritagefutures/3782427021/in/set-72157621801985831/>

Three Matilda hulls – Murrayville, VIC (Australia)



"Luke", September 2018

Matilda hull – John Belfield Collection, VIC (Australia)



<http://ploughbooksales.com.au/info/collect/collect.htm>

Matilda hull – Plough Book Sales, Belmont, VIC (Australia)

This hull was transformed into a bulldozer with a civilian home-made blade and some other modifications (Plough Book Sales)



Ron Fry

Matilda hull – On a farm, Gippsland area, VIC (Australia)



Ron Fry

Matilda hull – Private collection. Rutherglen, Victoria (Australia)



Ron Fry, June 2010

Matilda hull – In the scrap/grave yard of an earth mover/farmer, Central VIC (Australia)



Ron Fry

Matilda hull – Army range target, Australian Capital Territory (Australia)
The turret is now gone



Picture provided by Matt McMahon

Matilda hull “Casanova” – Private collection (Australia)
This tank was built by Vulcan, serial number 6774 (Matt MacMahon)



http://www.milweb.net/classifieds/large_image.php?ad=78439&cat=1

Matilda hull – Private collection (Australia)

This tank hull is currently for sale



Ron Fry, April 2010

Another Matilda Frog flamethrower hull – Ron Fry Collection, VIC (Australia)



http://www.bonhamsandgoodman.com.au/lot_details.php?lot=9278&from=search&offset=0#



http://www.bonhamsandgoodman.com.au/lot_details.php?lot=9317&from=search&offset=0

Two Matilda Frog (flamethrowers) – Unknown location

These tanks come from the Melbourne tank museum and were sold on an auction in late 2006 to unknown collectors (Bonhams and Goodman auction house). One of them probably went to a collector in the Northern Territory, near Darwin (Australia)



<https://www.facebook.com/BATRACInternational/photos/a.1063848947004594.1073742171.888032457919578/962479277141562/>

Matilda hull – Unknown location (Australia)



<https://www.facebook.com/BATRACInternational/photos/a.1063848947004594.1073742171.888032457919578/962486220474201/>

Matilda turret – Unknown location (Australia)

I'm looking for photos of those tanks :

Matilda II – Kevin Wheatcroft Collection (UK)

any tank that I forgot....

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Main page : http://the.shadock.free.fr/Surviving_Panzers.html