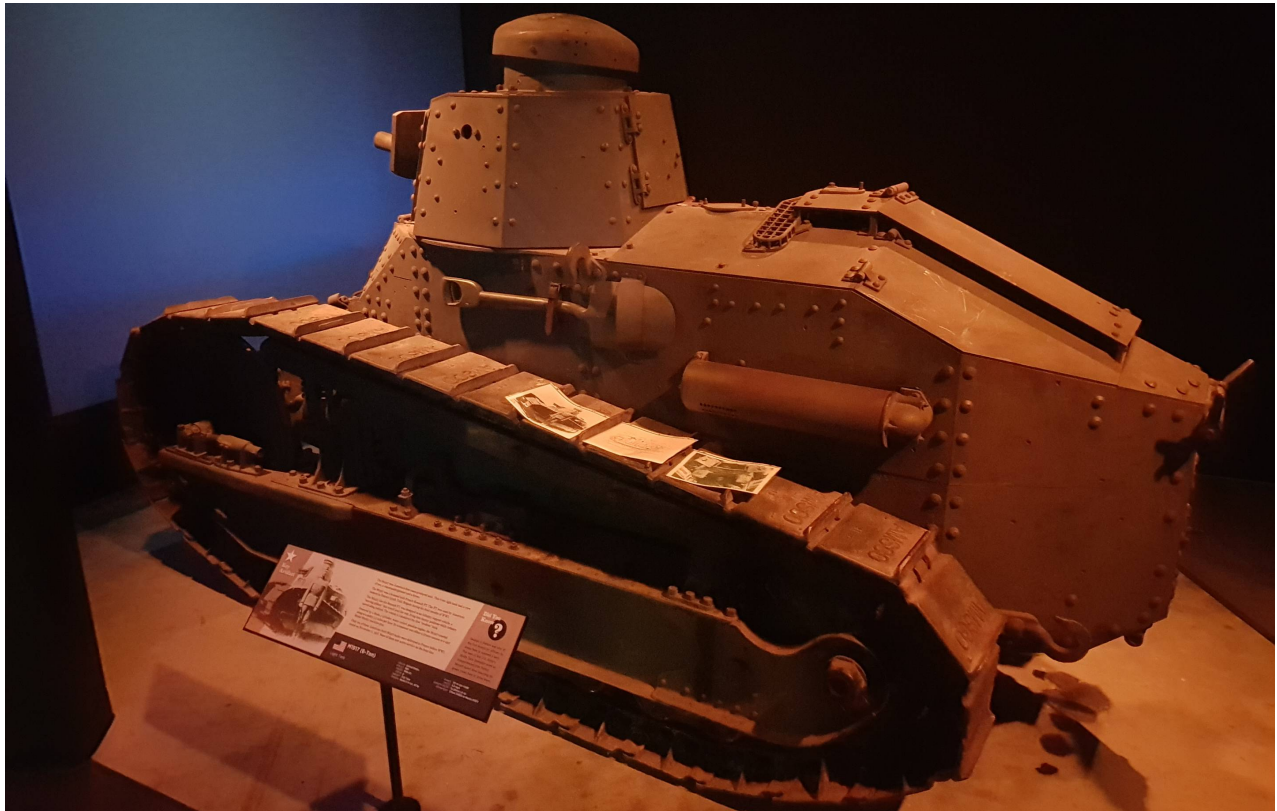


# Surviving Six Ton Tanks M1917

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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). The entire Littlefield collection was donated to the Collings Foundation, and only 80 of the 240 vehicles of the collection are now displayed in a museum in Hudson, MA. The other vehicles were sold in an auction in August 2014



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)



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)

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Pierre-Olivier Buan, September 2019

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

As of 2019, the tank is being cosmetically restored. The bullet marks are the result of checking the quality of the armour during manufacture (<http://www.landships.freeservers.com/survivors.htm>)

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

### 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>



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Paul Hannah, May 2010 - <http://www.vgbimages.com/AFV-Photos/AAF-Tank-Museum-Danville-VA/i-d3PCcxk>

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – American Armored Foundation Museum, Danville, VA (USA)

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)



Allen Bond, 2014

**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)

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Mike Haines, September 2016

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

This tank comes from Loeff's scrapyards in Loeff's, Georgia (Hayes Otoupalik)

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Pierre-Olivier Buan, September 2018 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/13963542@N08/sets/72157700964645051>

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### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, GA (USA)

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Glen Williford, 2004

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

This tank was original located in Northern Michigan by Ropkey Armour Museum. It was sold to McClain Museum, and now it is in the hands of Knights Armament Company in Titusville, Florida (Hayes Otoupalik)

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Unknown source

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

The US Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Virginia has the the first Sample tank made in the USA (currently displayed at Aberdeen). 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 accomodate the Hotchkiss 8mm machinegun (Hayes Otoupalik)

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<http://www.army.mil/-images/2010/01/07/60741/army.mil-60741-2010-01-07-080139.jpg>

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 U.S. Army Center for Military History Storage Facility, Anniston, AL (USA)

This tank was found on an Army Firing Range at Anniston Depot circa 1980 and was brought in, the missing turret and running gear parts were fabricated (Hayes Otoupalik)

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Mark Holloway, 2008

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

This US Model 1917 was obtained from Canada in the early 1990s 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)

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

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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>

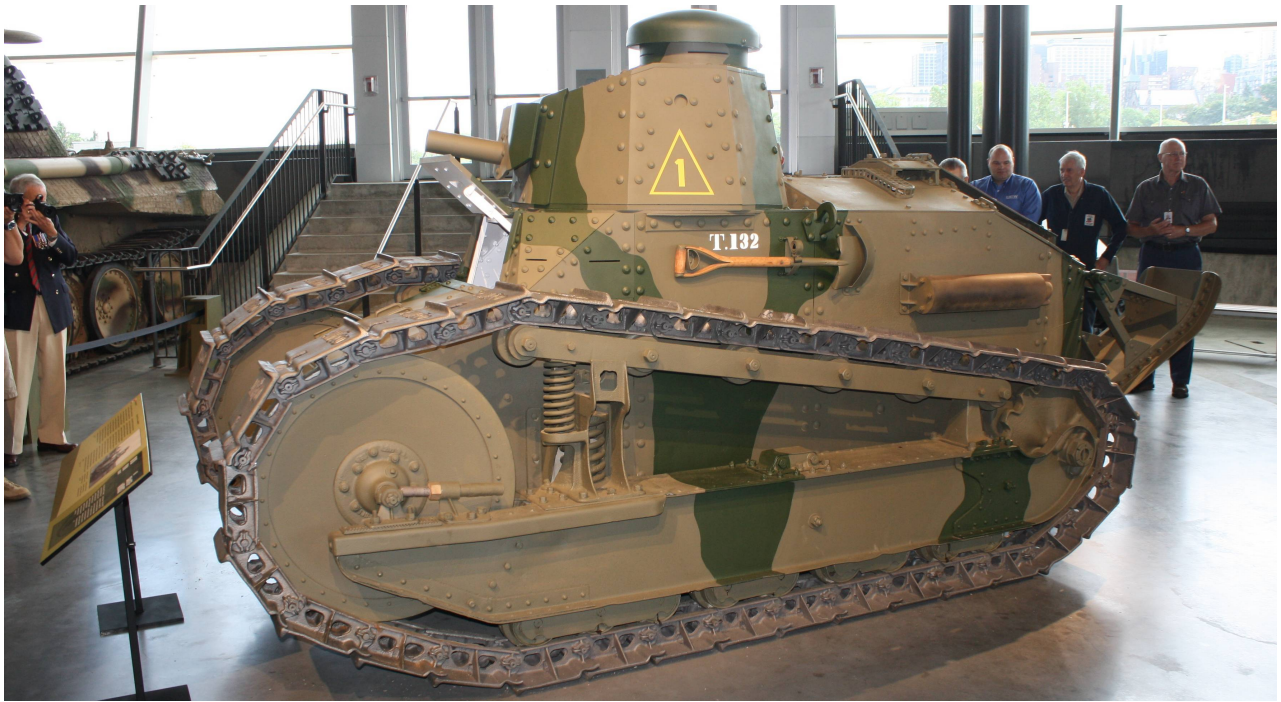


"GRB\_Ott", August 2009 - [http://www.flickr.com/photos/ottcan\\_520/sets/72157622097376432/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/ottcan_520/sets/72157622097376432/)

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

Marked as early WW2 Canadian training tank (<http://www.landships.freeservers.com/survivors.htm>)





<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)

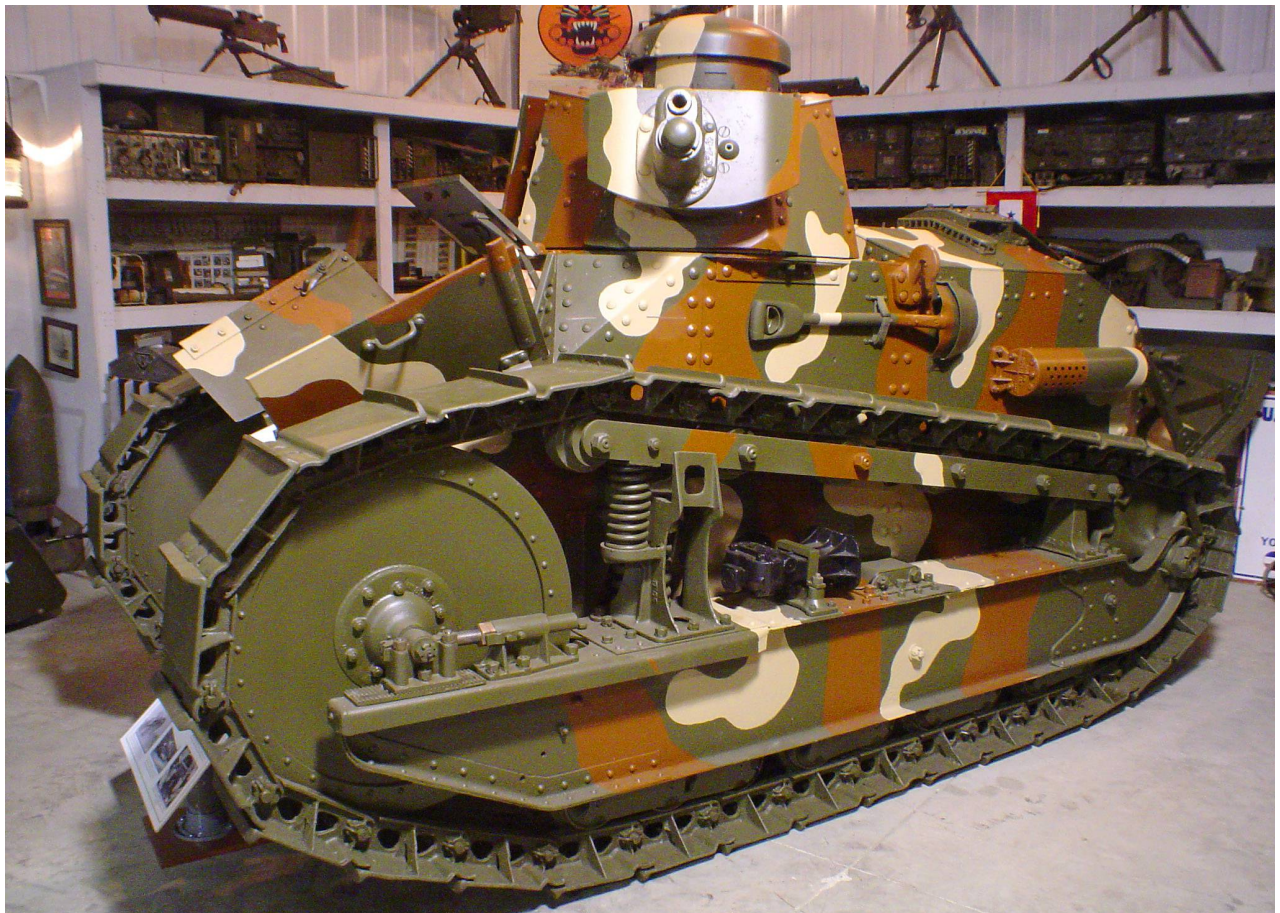
This example was located in Alberta being used as a log skidder and purchased by the Canadian War Museum in 1997. Restoration work began in 2008 with financial support provided by private donor Richard Iorweth Thorman and additional funds allocated by the charitable organization Friends of the Canadian 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>)



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

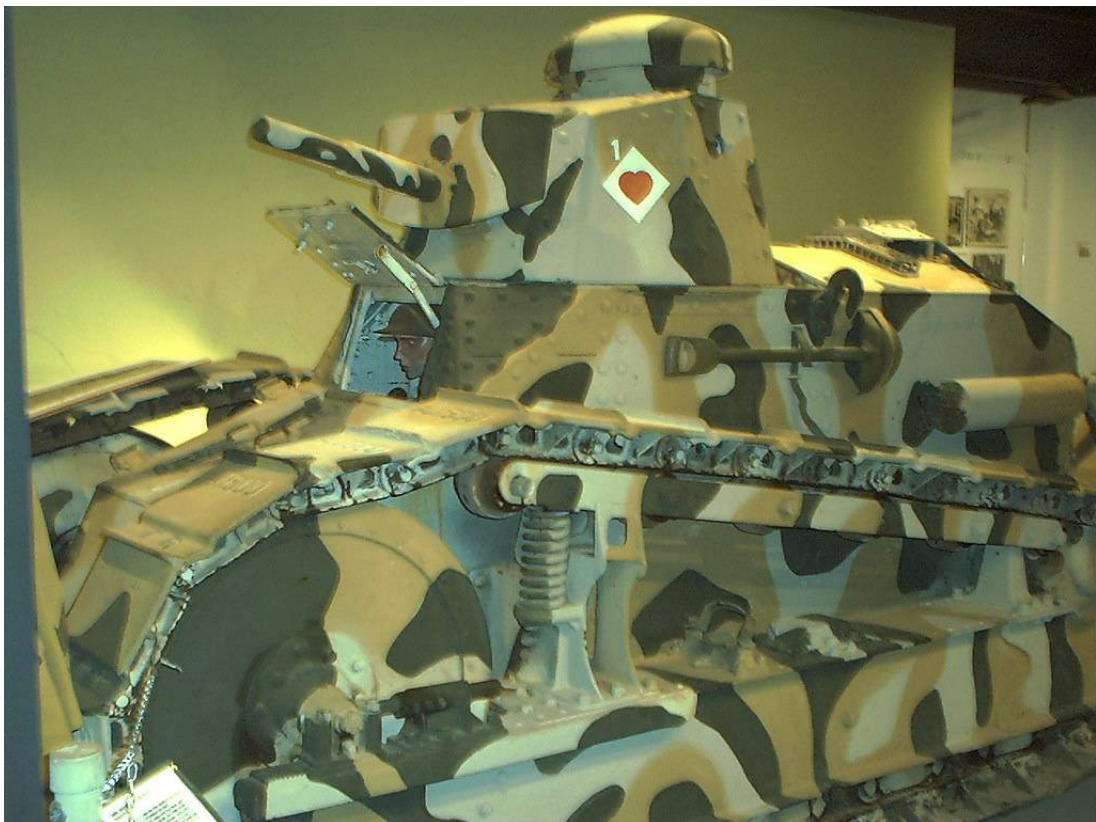


Roger Davis, November 2006

### Six Ton Tank Model 1917 – Unknown location (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). It has been sold some years ago

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"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)

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I'm looking for photos of those tanks :

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

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