

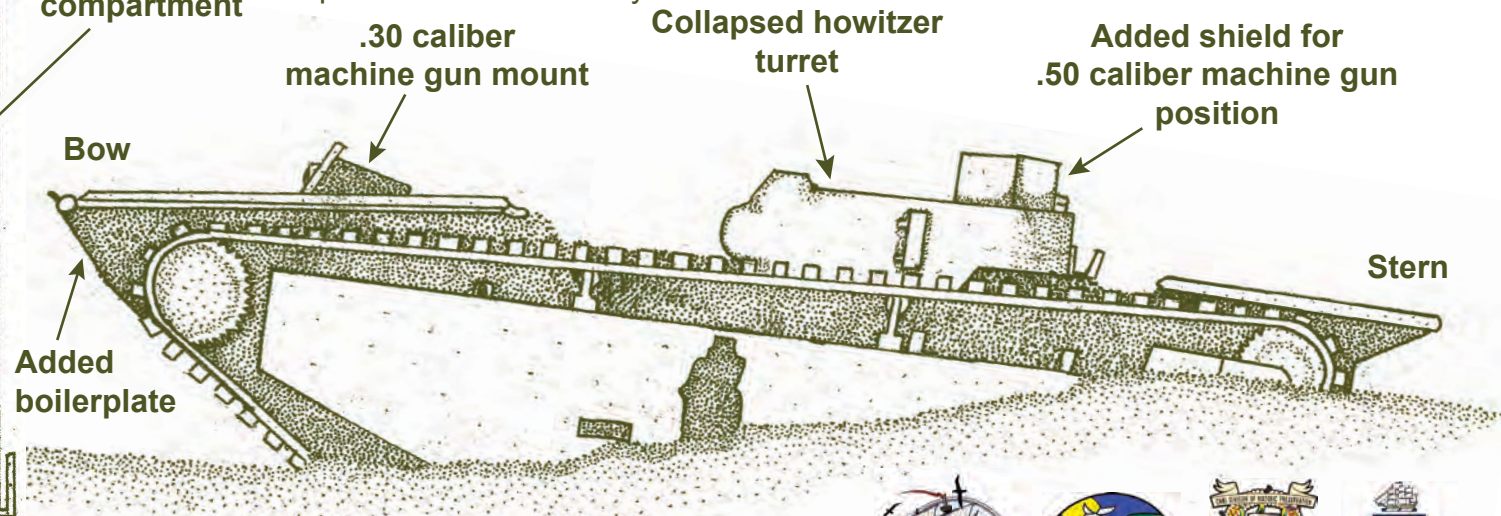
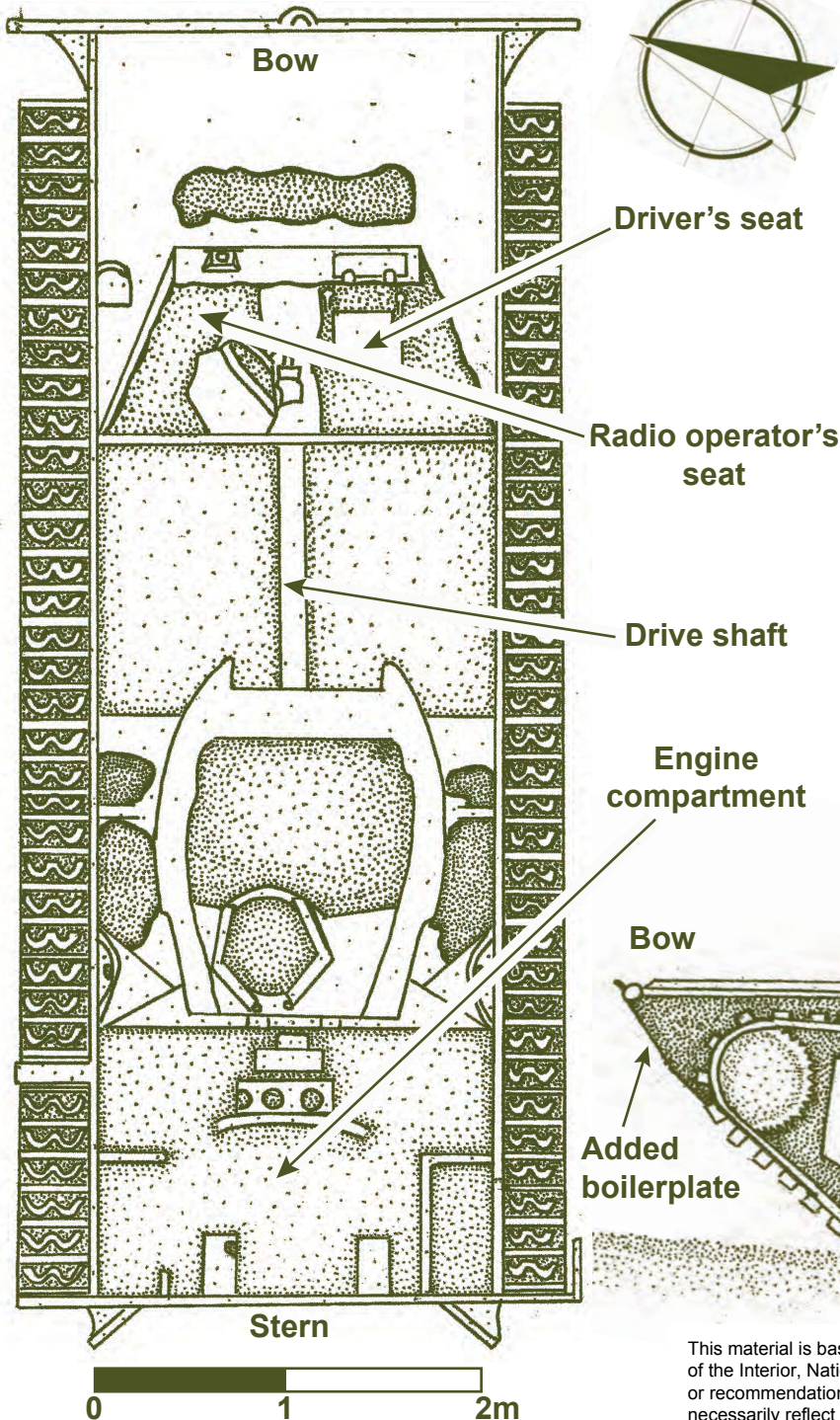
# LVT(A)-4

## The Vehicle

LVTs (Landing Vehicle Tracked) were amphibious tractors originally intended to act as cargo carriers for ship-to-shore operations during WWII. However, they rapidly evolved into assault troop carriers and fire-support vehicles. These craft were capable of traveling through the water and crossing shallow and sometimes exposed fringing reefs. Seven LVT models were produced and used in the Pacific, including the LVT(A)-4 that fought in Saipan. This type eventually became known as the "Marianas Model" due to modifications made to the vessel by its crew.

## The Wreck

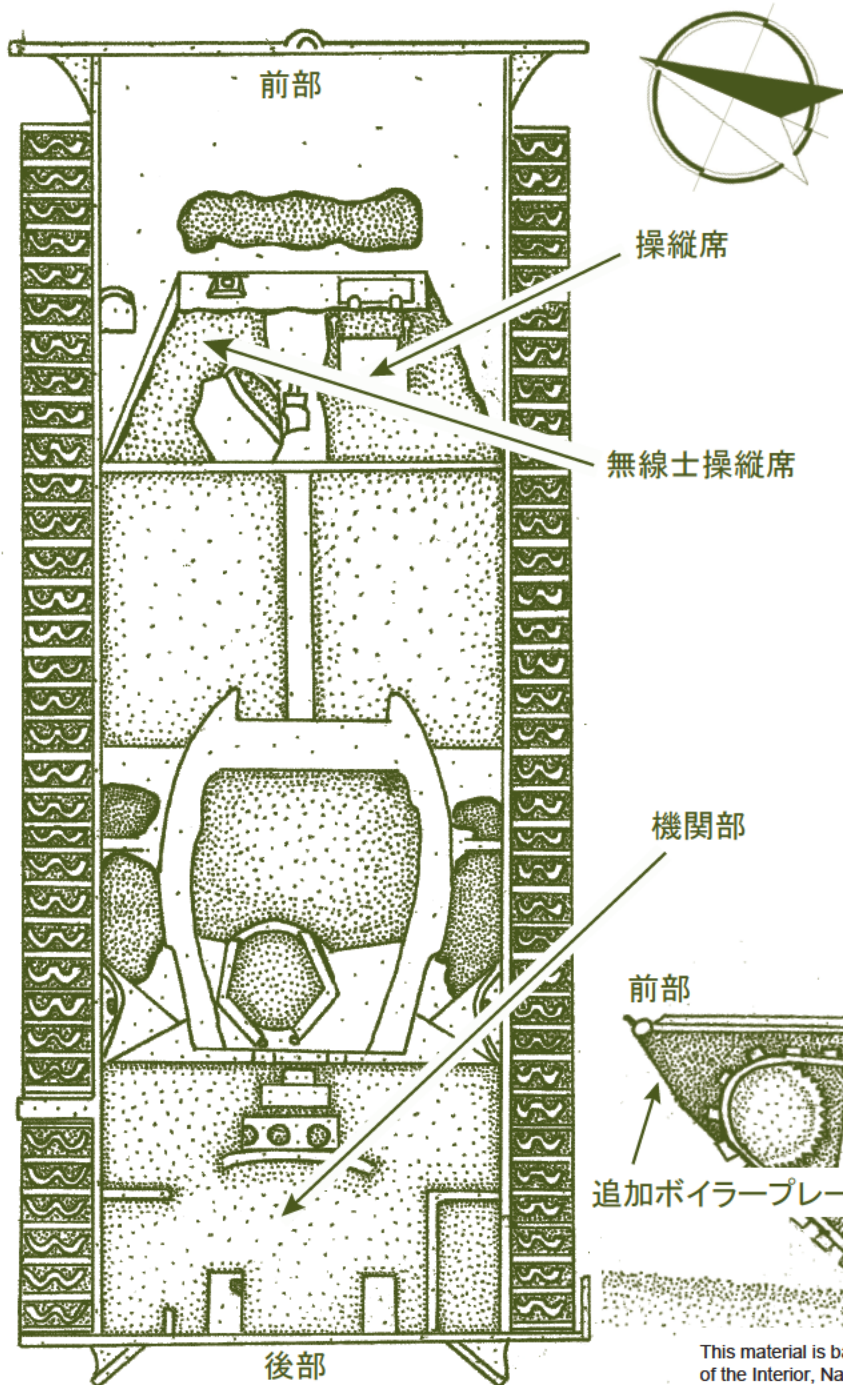
This LVT is included on the WWII Maritime Heritage Trail - Battle of Saipan. It is located in Tanapag Lagoon in approximately 3.5m (10ft) of water. It is mostly intact, and several modifications made by its crew are visible. These include added boiler-plate to strengthen the bow, an added shield to protect the .50 caliber machine gunner, and a .30 caliber machine gun in the radio operator's position at the forward end of the crew compartment. To read more about how this vessel may have ended up in Tanapag Lagoon, check out the poster! To access the site follow your GPS to: 15 14' 24.58"N, 145 44' 10.78"E. If you visit this wreck, please be mindful that it is a fragile heritage site protected by Commonwealth Law against damage or molestation. Remember, take only pictures and leave only bubbles.



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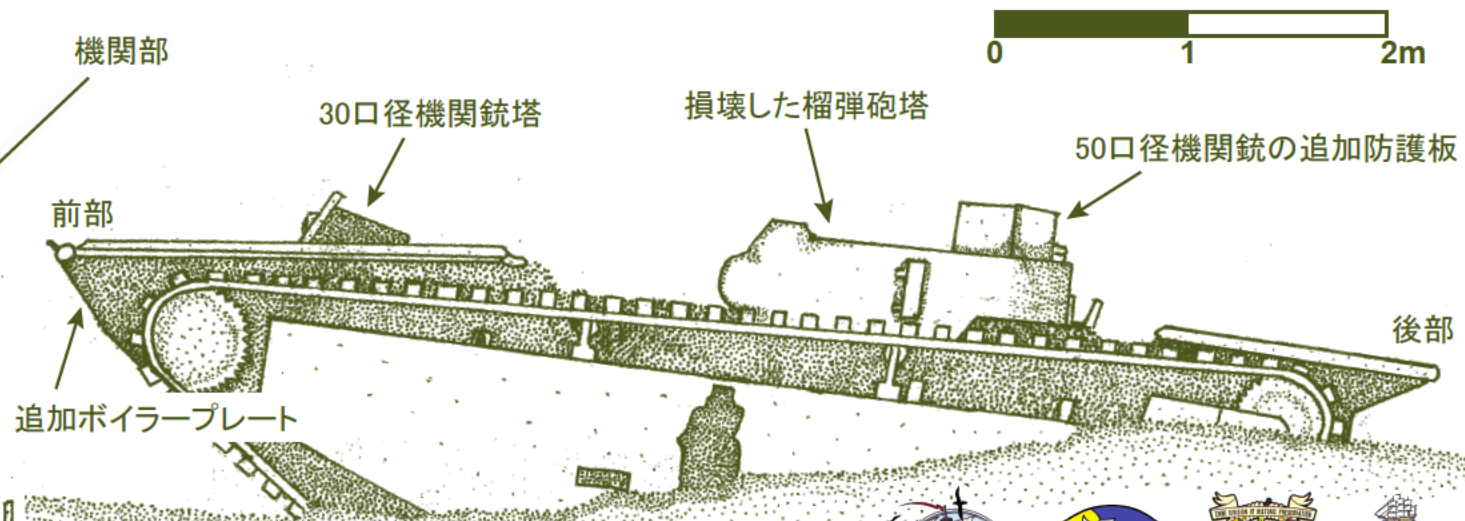


## 車両

LVTs (Landing Vehicle Tracked ランディング・ヴィークル・トラック) は第二次大戦中に船から海岸への物資輸送を意図していた水陸両用車両であった。しかしながら、攻撃性を備えた輸送車、武装した車両へと急激に改良された。これらの車両は水上を移動し、浅瀬や珊瑚礁を乗り越えることができた。太平洋地域では7つのLVTモデルが開発・使用され、これにはサイパンの戦闘で使用されたLVT(A)-4が含まれる。このタイプは特に乗組員により改良が施されたことから「海兵隊モデル」として知られるようになった。

## 残存機体

このLVTは第二次大戦サイパン戦の海事遺産トレイルに含まれています。タナパグ環礁の水深約3.5mに位置します。ほぼ原型をとどめており、乗組員による改良のあとも視認できます。改良は前部強化にボイラープレート加える、50口径銃や乗務員室の前部末端の無線士座席にある30口径機関銃保護のためのシールドを加えるなどです。この車両がどのような経緯でタナパグ環礁にあるのかについてもっと知りたければ、ポスターを参照してください！ 遺跡へのアクセスは、以下のGPS位置情報で15 14' 24.58"N, 145 44' 10.78"E。この遺跡を訪れるにあたっては壊れやすい史跡であり、損害や不法行為に対して連邦法によって保護されていることを心がけてください。トルのは写真のみ、ノコスのは泡だけを忘れずに。



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