



M4 Sherman Tanks

The Tanks

The M4 Sherman was the primary tank used by the U.S. Army and Marine Corps during WWII, and served in active military service from 1942 until 1955. Sherman tanks were operated by a crew of five: a driver, assistant driver/bow gunner, ammunition loader, gunner, and tank commander. Early M4 variants mounted a 75-mm medium velocity general purpose gun. During the Marines' inland attack on Saipan, Shermans destroyed Japanese gun emplacements and provided cover for advancing troops. They also proved victorious against a larger Japanese adversary in the largest tank battle of the Pacific Theater on 17 June 1944.

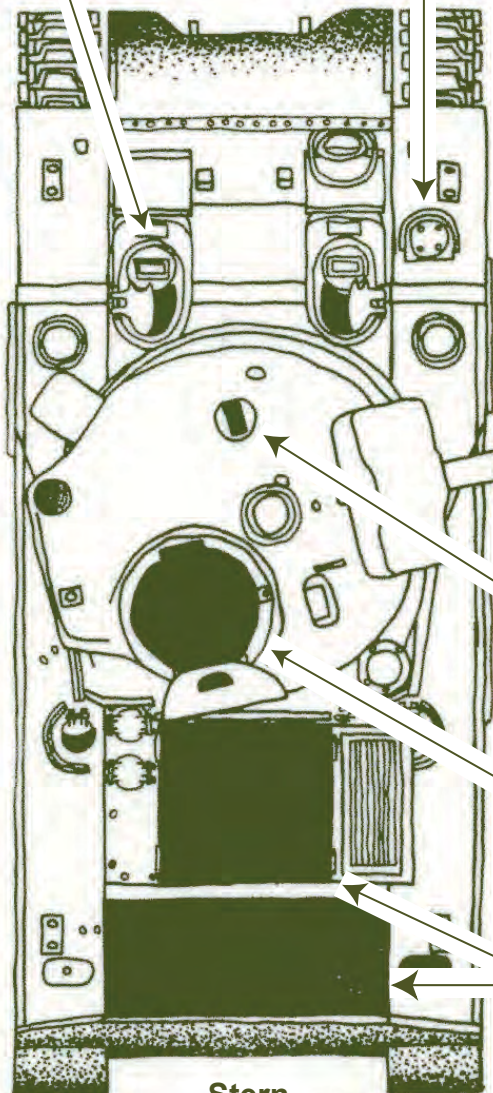
The Wrecks

Three semi-submerged Sherman tanks are included in the WWII Maritime Heritage Trail - Battle of Saipan. They are located off Susupe and Chalan Kanoa beaches on the southwest side of Saipan. Visible from shore, these tanks make an excellent snorkel or swim outing. To access the tanks, follow your GPS to: 15 9' 44.31"N, 145 42' 14.14"E; 15 9' 44.35"N, 145 41' 58.56"E; and 15 9' 18.58"N, 145 41' 53.26"E. If you visit these sites, please be mindful that they are fragile heritage sites protected by Commonwealth Law against damage or molestation. Remember, take only pictures and leave only bubbles.

Driver's hatch

Bow

Ventilator

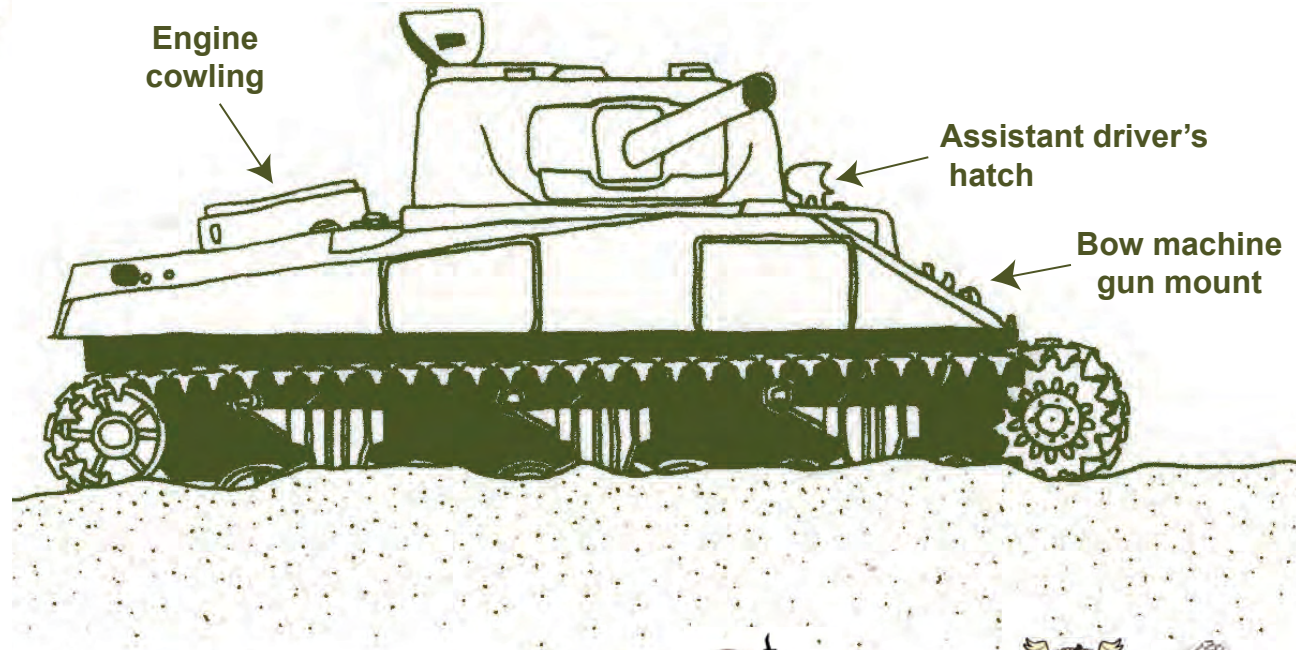


Loader's periscope

Commander's hatch

Engine compartment

Stern



Engine cowl

Assistant driver's hatch

Bow machine gun mount

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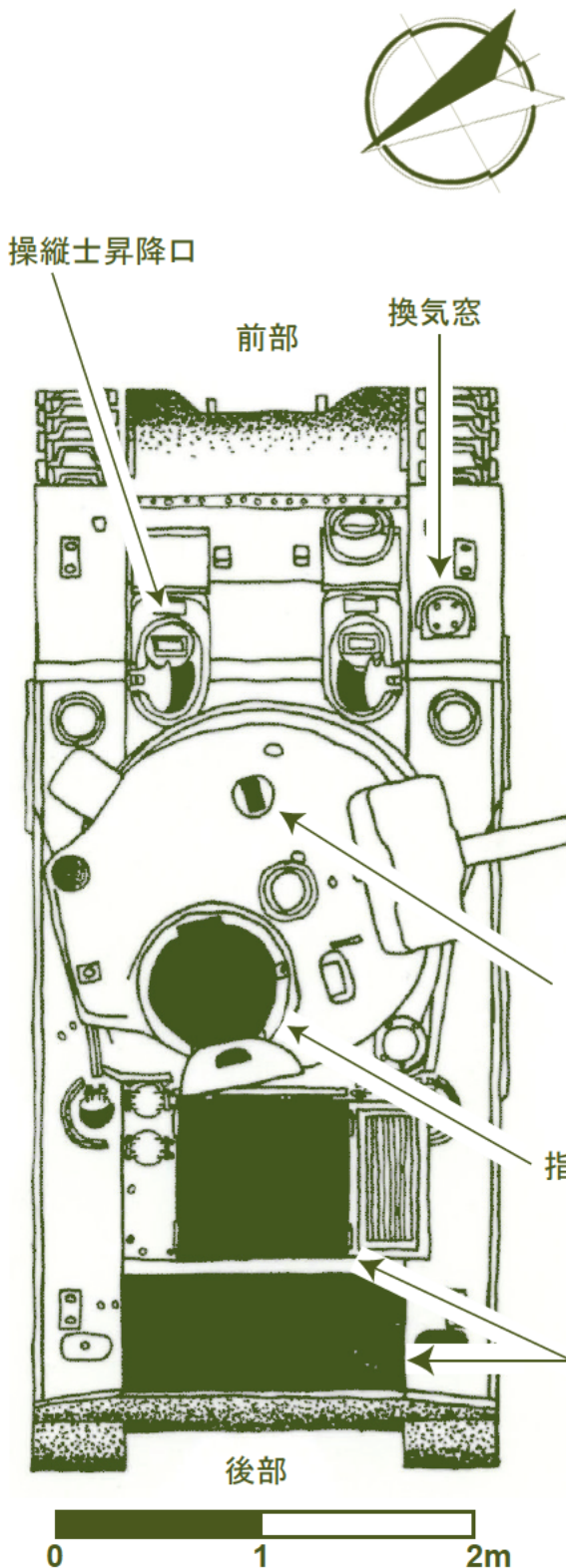
M4 シャーマン戦車

戦車

M4シャーマンは第二次大戦中アメリカ軍及び海兵隊の主力戦車であり、1942年から1955年まで使用されていた。シャーマン戦車は5名の搭乗員：操縦士、補佐操縦士兼砲撃手、装填手、砲撃手、車長から成る。初期系M4は75mm砲を搭載。海兵隊のサイパン島の上陸攻撃の際には、シャーマンは旧日本軍の砲床を破壊し、兵士の前進を助けた。1944年6月17日の太平洋戦争中最大の戦車戦では、日本軍に対して勝利を確実にした。

残存機体

第二次大戦サイパン戦の海事遺産トレイルは、3つの海中に浸かったシャーマン戦車を含みます。これらはサイパン南西のスペとチャラン・カノアビーチの沖に位置しています。これらの戦車は岸からも見ることができるため、シュノーケリングや泳いで行くのに適当です。これらの戦車へのアクセスは、GPSで15 9' 44.31"N, 145 42' 14.14"E; 15 9' 44.35"N, 145 41' 58.56"E; and 15 9' 18.58"N, 145 41' 53.26"Eの位置情報にしたがってください。これらの遺跡を訪れるにあたっては、戦車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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