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M4A1(76)W Sherman Tank

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Photo of Sherman Tank at PMM, X83..2.5

The Sherman Tank at the Pennsylvania Military Museum is a M4A1(76)W Sherman Tank, serial number 2163/3045201. It features a 76mm M1 Gun, and a larger commanders hatch as compared to other variants. This type is powered by a Continental radial engine.

On loan by TACOM (Tank-automotive and Armaments Command) to the Museum, it was originally located at Widener University, and once a year it would be painted pink as part of an ongoing tradition and prank between members of infantry and armor/mechanized units.

Nearly 50,000 M4 Sherman Tanks saw service in all theaters of World War II and Korea. They served as the main battle tank of the United States Army and Marine Corps. Pennsylvania foundries in Coraopolis, Eddystone, Lebanon, Sharon, Bernham, and Pittsburgh all produced Sherman tank parts during the war. Union Steel Castings, Pittsburgh, made the turret of this tank.

This later version of the Sherman tank never saw action in World War II. However, its placement at the Museum in the “Huertgen Forest” honors the 707th Tank Battalion. The 707th supported the Pennsylvania 28th Infantry Division during brutal fighting in the Huertgen Forest in November 1944.