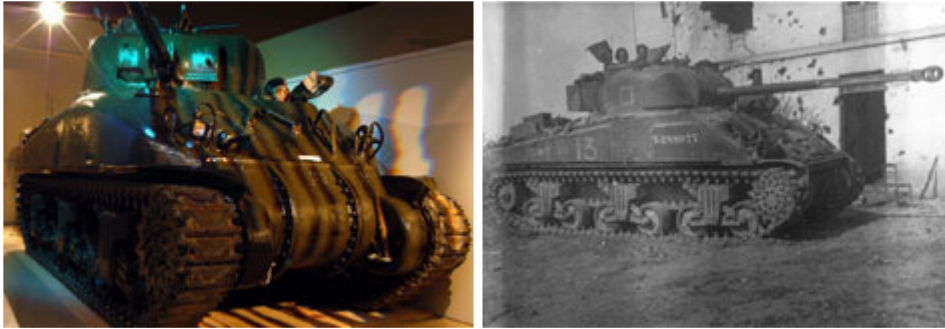


# SHERMAN TANK WORLD WAR II ITALY GALLERY



## Teacher's Notes

Name of Object: M4A1 (Sherman II)

Category: WWII Armoured Tank

Physical Location: WWII Galleries – Italian Campaign

Accession Number

## Facts

- American made M4A1 – more commonly known by its British name of Sherman Tank. The most widely
- produced, used and important tank of the American, British and Allied forces in WWII New Zealand
- Armoured Regiments used Sherman tanks extensively during the Italian Campaign 1943-45
- The MK II version, standardised in December 1941 had a cast hull with rounded edges to present less flat
- surfaces to a direct hit from any angle.
- Crew 5, Commander, driver, machine gunner, main gunner, and ammunition loader.
- 9cylinder, air cooled 400hp Continental engine. Maximum speed 24 mph (approx 40 kph)

## Possible Activities

- Design a tank for use on a 21<sup>st</sup> century battlefield. It will need armour, weapons, room for the crew, and a good engine. It will need to be capable of travel on all sorts of terrain, including being amphibious.

## Links

- [www.armymuseum.co.nz](http://www.armymuseum.co.nz)
- "With Honour –our army, our nation, our history" by Richard Wolfe ISBN 978-0-67-004565-5

**Physical Location**

The Sherman tank is in the Italian section of the WWII gallery of the National Army Museum