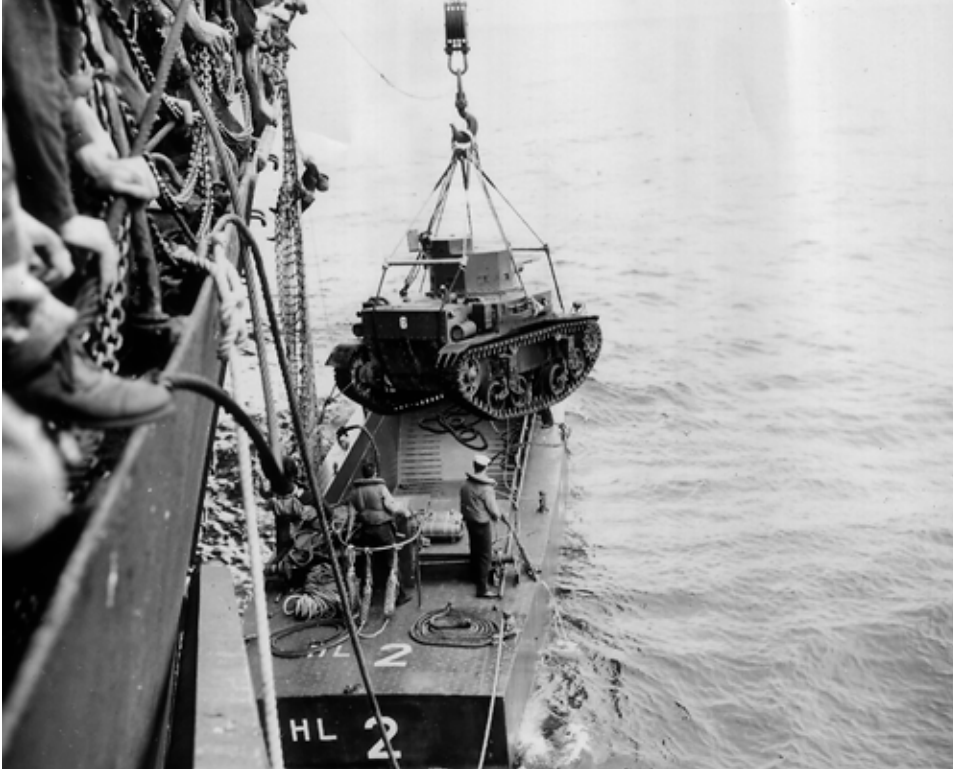


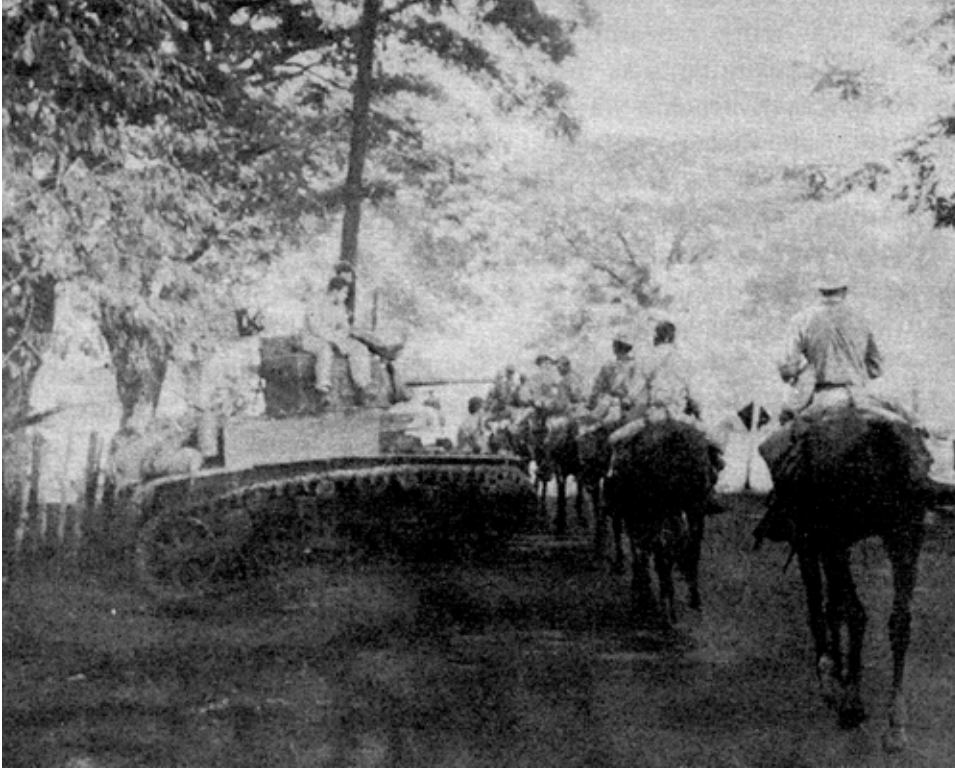
The Infantry's Armor
Images



Suggested cover photo SC-421362: 78th Infantry Division doughboys ride Shermans from the 741st Tank Battalion toward the Rhine River on 9 March 1945. (Signal Corps photo)



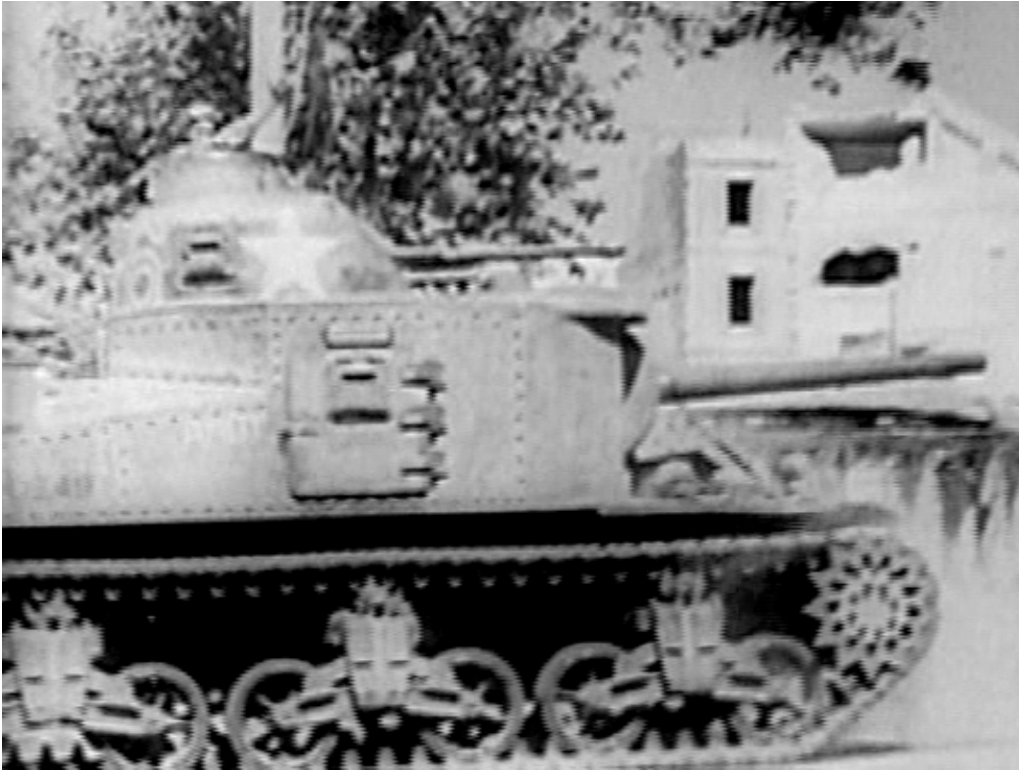
SC-125072: The Army knew before the United States entered the war that it would have to put tanks on hostile shores. Tank lighters, such as this one participating in a 1st Division landing exercise in August 1941, could only carry light tanks, in this case an M2A4, which had to be hoisted from transports. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-131348P: Crewmen of a 192d Tank Battalion M3 light tank watch the 26th Cavalry, Philippine Scouts, pass in December 1941. Both outfits would soon give battle to Japanese invaders. (Signal Corps photo)



756thTorchSigCorps: M5 light tanks belonging to the 756th Tank Battalion (Light) await loading for the journey to North Africa for Operation Torch. They are waterproofed and fitted with wading stacks much like those that will be used in amphibious landings for the rest of the war. (Signal Corps photo)



Bizerte1: An M3 medium tank belonging to Company A, 751st Tank Battalion (Medium), engages in street fighting in Bizerte, Tunisia, on 8 May 1943. The separate tank battalions saw little action except during the first and last days of the North Africa campaign. (Signal Corps film)



SC-188762: Mountainous terrain such as this near Mistretta, Sicily, in August 1943 greatly limited the use of tanks on the island and the Italian mainland. Usually, German artillery observers had views like this over Allied troops below. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-181222: Tanks from the 191st or 751st Tank Battalion debark across a pontoon from an LST at Salerno on 9 September 1943. This method, also used in the Sicily landings, was slow and vulnerable to enemy fire. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-183581: M3 tanks shell the Japanese at King's Wharf, Makin Atoll, on 21 November 1943. These Lees belong to Company A, 193d Tank Battalion. The first tank battalion to go on the offensive against Japan, the outfit equipped one company with M3 mediums, one with M3 light tanks, and one with amtracs. (Signal Corps photo)



Army 17: A 767th Tank Battalion Sherman works with 7th Infantry Division doughs on Kwajalein in February 1944. A field phone is mounted on the left-rear fender, one of the first experiments in improving tank-infantry communications. (U.S. Army Photo)



SC-190036: 37th Infantry Division GIs on Bougainville advance behind a Sherman belonging to the 754th Tank Battalion on 16 March 1944. They are using a formation developed on the island for jungle warfare, with target designators at the rear corners of the Sherman and riflemen, BAR men, and engineers in a wedge behind. (Signal Corps photo)



82737: An Army amtrac carries Marines toward what appears to be the O-1 phase line on Saipan on 15 June 1944. More armored force men participated in the Saipan landings than in D-Day. (Marine Corps photo.)



89974: LVT(A)(1) (left) and LVT(A)(4) amtanks belonging to Company D, 708th Amphibian Tank Battalion, line up to attack with the Marines on Saipan in June 1944. (Marine Corps photo.)



SC-211385: 70th Tank Battalion Shermans load onto a Landing Craft, Tank (LCT) in Kingswear, England, on 1 June 1944. These Company C tanks beat the amphibious duplex drive tanks to Utah Beach in Normandy on 6 June, a screw-up that worked out well. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-320891: Amphibious DD M4A1s from the 70th Tank Battalion sit on Utah Beach on 6 June 1944. The Allies used DD tanks in Operations Overlord and Dragoon and in the Rhine crossing. (Signal Corps photo)



Bocage: Infantrymen shelter behind a hedgerow while an M4A1 tank fires at the next one. For both partners, the bocage was a checkerboard hell. (Signal Corps film)



SC-198173: All six M4A3 105mm assault guns from a tank battalion fire in battery in France in mid-July 1944. The 105mm assault gun served in standard tank battalions, though outfits in Italy and the Pacific made do with the M7 self-propelled howitzer until late 1944. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-194509: GIs take cover as advancing troops encounter fire at the Siegfried Line near Aachen on 15 September 1944. Supply lines are stretched to the breaking point, and this crew hauls along spare gasoline. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-196424: Lieutenant General George Patton Jr. takes a picture of a demonstration of the E4-5 hull-mounted flamethrower that began reaching tank battalions in September 1944. The flame unit was also used in the Pacific theater. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-197744: M8 75mm assault guns, which replaced the half-track-based T-30 in 1943, fought with the light tank battalions, briefly with medium battalions in Italy, and with a few standard battalions in the Pacific. These are firing in battery near Hürtgen, Germany, in December 1944. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-198204: Two 12th SS Panzer Division Panthers knocked out during the fighting in Krinkelt, Belgium, beginning 17 December 1944. (Signal Corps photo)



80-MN-4381_4: LVT(A)(4)s fire indirectly. From the Leyte landings in October 1944, doctrine increasingly favored using amtanks as artillery after the initial assault, but reality kept pulling them back into combat. (Signal Corps film)



111-CB-40_3: LVT(4)s of the 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion carry 40th Division assault troops ashore at Lingayen, Luzon Island, on 9 January 1945. Troops encountered virtually no resistance at the shoreline. (Signal Corps film)



80-G-273409: M4A1 Shermans roll through Manila on 23 February 1945. In ten days of street fighting, Company B, 44th Tank Battalion, expended 3,500 rounds of 75mm and 183,000 rounds of .30-caliber ammunition. (U.S. Navy photo)



SC-188712: The Mortar Platoon in light, medium, and standard tank battalions used half-track-mounted 81mm mortars such as this M4A1 Mortar Carrier, at work in Belgium in early 1945. Some outfits made good use of the platoon, but many did not. (Signal Corps photo)



744thM24M5: The M24 Chaffee light tank and the M5 that it replaced, both belonging to the 744th Tank Battalion (Light). The 740th Tank Battalion first used two M24s in battle when it found them at a replacement depot during the Battle of the Bulge. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-254010: A barely recognizable 740th Tank Battalion Sherman attacks toward Heeresbach, Belgium, on 28 January 1945 with the 82d Airborne Division's 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment. "At a distance of fifty yards it was impossible to tell what kind of a vehicle it was—even if you determined that it actually was a vehicle," said the battalion commander. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-201889: A 750th Tank Battalion Sherman works with 415th Infantry Regiment doughs in Cologne on 6 March 1945. Tankers and GIs time and again disproved early war doctrine that tanks should not fight in cities. (Signal Corps photo)



202079: 702d Tank Battalion Sherman tanks with new 60-tube rocket assemblies attached operate near the Siegfried Line with the 80th Infantry Division on 17 March 1945. Launchers were also used in Italy, but not in the Pacific. (Signal Corps photo)



111-ADC-4025_6: The M4A3E2 Jumbo assault Sherman appeared only in the European theater. The 750th Tank Battalion added a layer of concrete to the Tiger-tank-thick front armor on this Jumbo, seen on the road to Halle in April 1945. (Signal Corps film)



SC-208319: A 757th Tank Battalion M4A3 (76mm) crosses the Po River on 26 April 1945. After soldiering with the oldest tanks in the arsenal into 1944, tankers in Italy caught up with their counterparts in the European theater by early 1945. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-204477-S: 781st Tank Battalion Shermans reach the frontier in Brenner Pass, where Seventh Army linked up with Fifth Army, on 4 May 1945. The Easy 8 (left) was the final stage of the Sherman's development, but tankers still resorted to sandbagging for better armor protection. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-208095: A 713th Tank Battalion flame tank sprays down a Japanese position on Okinawa on 17 May 1945. Flame tanks played a larger role on Okinawa than in any other campaign. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-209762: A Sherman from Company B, 775th Tank Battalion, works with 37th Infantry Division doughs on 12 June 1945 in Luzon's Cagayan valley, Philippines. The tankers proved they could work in rugged jungle terrain that nobody had ever imagined at the start of the war. (Signal Corps photo)