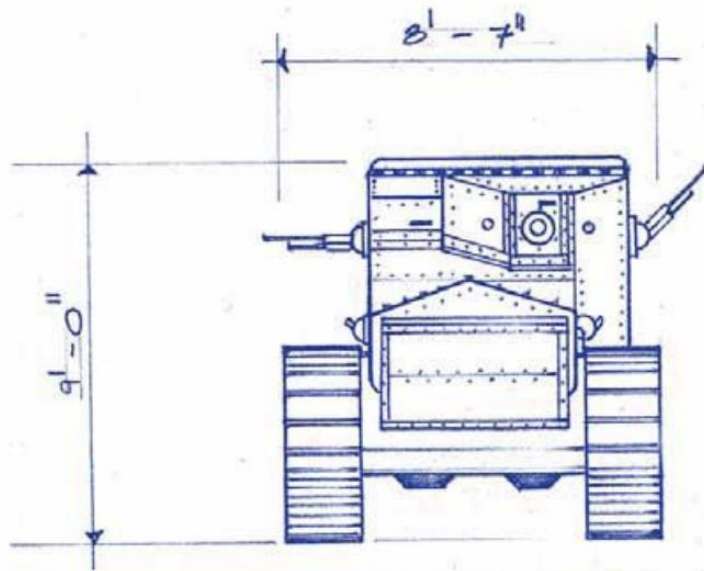
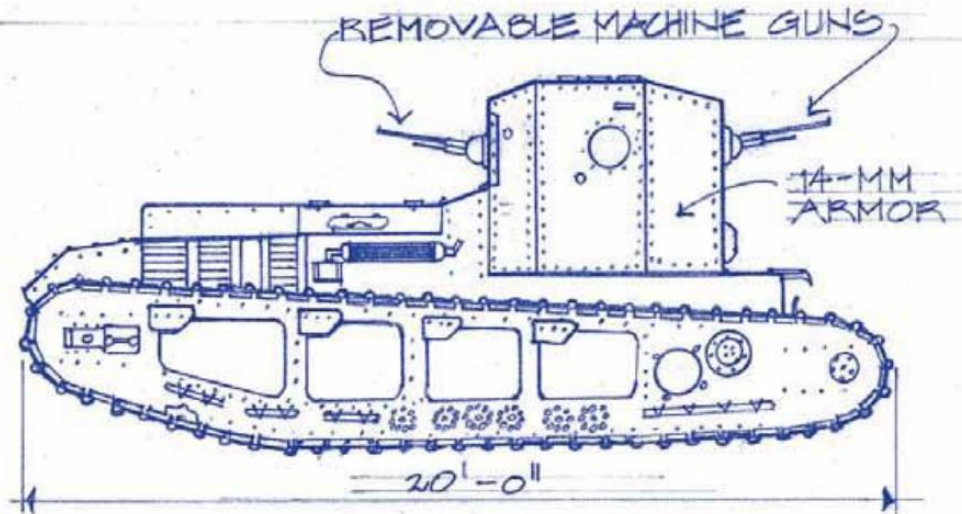


BRITISH MEDIUM MARK A WHIPPET



FRONT VIEW



SIDE VIEW

TANK

Although debuted by the British earlier in the war, the tank was first used effectively in duty during the Battle of Cambrai in 1917. At Cambrai, British tanks were able to cross the gap between the British and German trenches. The tank's protective metal kept the men inside from falling victim to the onslaught of enemy machine guns. The heavy tank crushed everything in sight, including the dangerous barbed wire guarding the trenches.

Estimated Casualty Statistics for the Battle of Cambrai

Allied Powers 45,000

Central Powers 45,000

Excerpt #2

We heard strange throbbing noises, and lumbering [moving] slowly towards us came three huge mechanical monsters such as we had never seen before . . . Big metal things they were, with two sets of caterpillar wheels that went right round the body. There was a bulge on each side with a door in the bulging part, and machine-guns on swivels poked out from either side . . . There they sat, squat [thick] monstrous things . . . crushing the sides of our trench . . . [and] with their machine-guns swiveling around and firing like mad.

- Bert Cheney, *An Account of the First Tanks in Action*, 1916