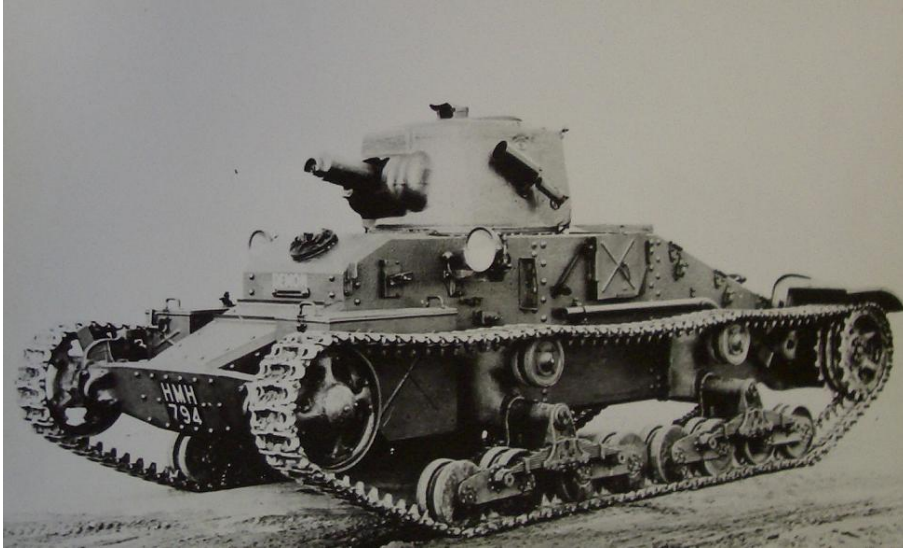


# The Matilda Infantry Tank (A.11)



The Matilda was designed by Vickers and was offered to the War Office in early 1936, it had a 60mm armour basis, a speed of around 7mph and weighed 11 tons, its armament consisted of a single machine gun. The first production orders were given in April 1937 and by the outbreak of war 67 Matildas had been delivered. They were sent to continent and fought in the Battle of France where the limitations which had been clearly seen before the war were clearly illustrated. The Matilda's only real redeeming feature was its thick armour, although thinner than the Matilda II it still offered immunity to German tank and anti-tank guns. The tracks were very exposed and were targets for German gunners, the single machinegun armament was found to be exceedingly lacking, as one Matilda driver stated "*they were stupidly armed*"

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". After the fall of France the Matilda was relegated to training duties and the production order of 100 vehicles was completed in July 1940.

Name	Matilda
Type	Infantry
Crew	2
(In turret)	1
Length	16'-4"
Width	7'-9"
Height	7'-9"
Weight	11
Ground pressure	9.7
Ground clearance	
Track type	
No per track	
Weight of one Track	
Track width	11.5"
Engine	<a href="#">Ford V8</a>
B.H.P	6.35
Max road speed	8
Average road speed	

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Gear box type	Ford Clash
Gears	4
Fuel consumption (cross country)	
Petrol capacity	
Auxiliary capacity	
Radius of action (road)	84
Radius of action (cross country)	
Trench Crossing	
Vertical obstacle	
Fording height	
Gradient	
Main Armament	303 Vickers or .5 Vickers
Ammunition	
Transverse type	
Max elevation	
Max depression	
Turret Ring Size	34.1
Optics	
Armour	
Turret Front	60
Front Hull	60
Sides	60

## Production of Matilda Tanks (UK Only) ☐

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