

# The Mark V\* Tank

At the beginning of the year 1918, France ran short of tanks ! The FT 17 Renault Tank has just started being produced and was not to be made available on a mass basis before August.

The still operating Schneider and Saint-Chamond tanks were worn out and their successors were not to be ready before 1919.

In the meanwhile, an order for 200 tanks of the Mark V\* type was placed in England, who will manufacture a total 645 of them.

One hundred copies were delivered before the armistice but were not involved into the combats.

They were definitely reformed on July, 1931. The material had reached its limit of use and no spare part was available any longer. Besides, the 57 mm ammo was totally missing.

Specifications :

Weight : 25.5 t

Armoring : 6 up to a maximum 16 mm

Power : 125 HP

Speed : 7.5 km/h

Range : 55 km

Crew : 8 men

Dimensions : Length : 8.05 m, Width : 3.55 m, Height : 2,63 m ground clearance : 0.42 m

Armament : 2 *off* Schneider 57 mm guns, 4 *off* machine guns

