

Surviving Renault FT Tanks

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Listed here are the Renault FT tanks that still exist today.



Massimo Foti, March 2011 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/massimofoti/sets/72157626270470716/>

Renault FT (prototype) – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

This FT still has the manufacturer's plate, but the SN is unknown. The left-side running gear is currently disassembled, to be used as a pattern and help restoring another FT-17 in the UK that was missing all the running gear (info. from the museum)



"M55ikael", March 2006 - http://i2.photobucket.com/albums/y14/M55ikael/WWII/Foto_0196.jpg

Renault FT – Tellevik Kystfort (Norway)

This tank was previously located at Setermoen (Norway)



"Erik E. ", 2004 - <http://forum.axishistory.com/viewtopic.php?t=67450>

Renault FT – Rogaland Krigshistoriske Museum, Stavanger (Norway)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, August 2008 - <http://news.webshots.com/album/566334373OYhyFB>

Renault FT – Wehrtechnische Studiensammlung Koblenz (Germany)

This FT still has the manufacturer's plate, the SN is 1934.18



Collectie Legermuseum, Delft

<http://www.collectie.legermuseum.nl/asp/page.asp?alias=strategien&view=strategien&id=i008237&show=detail&preref=45247&collectie=mediatheek&q=>

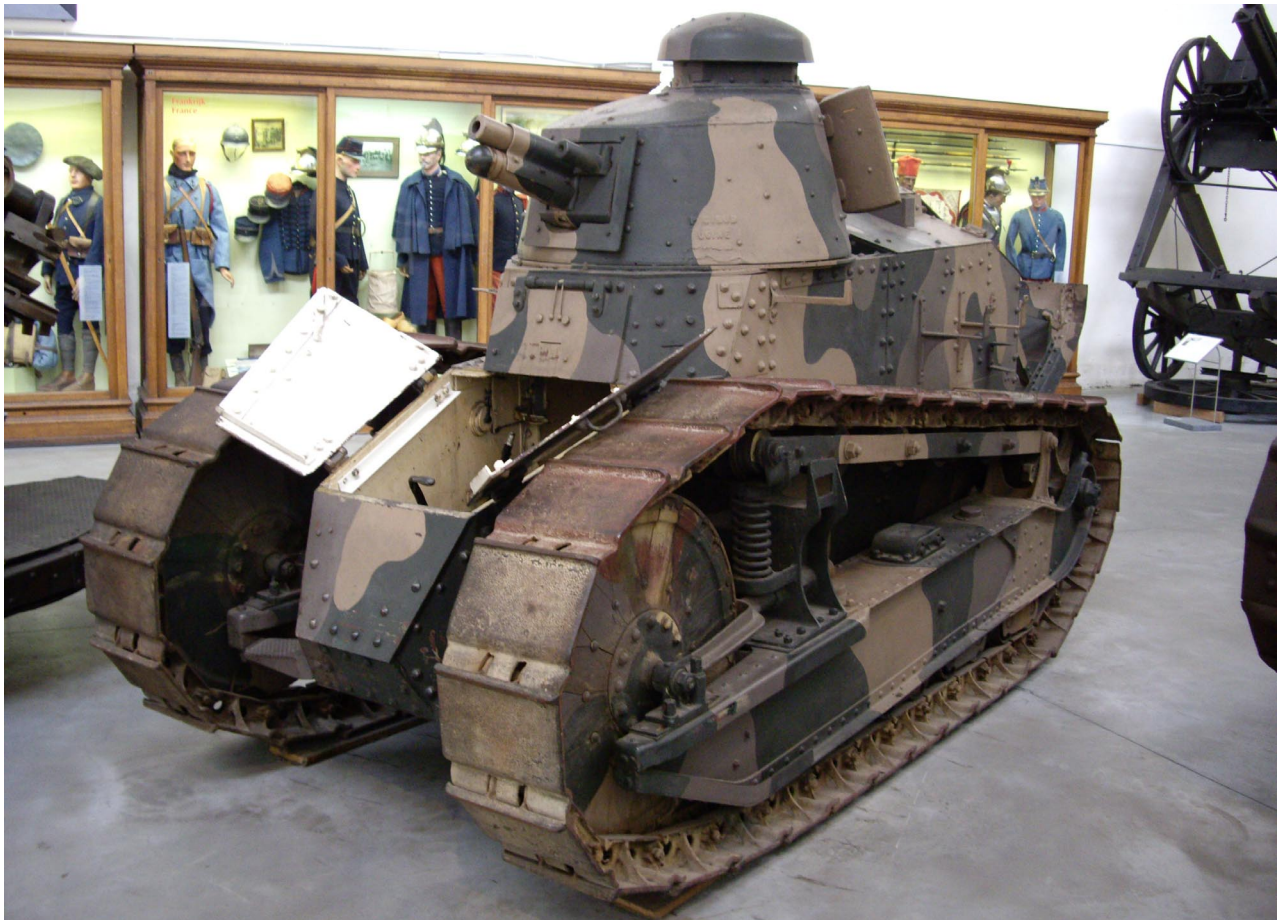
Renault FT – Legermuseum depot, Grave (part of the Legermuseum, Delft - Netherlands)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, August 2008 - <http://news.webshots.com/album/566321611vZcJYT>

Renault FT – Netherlands War Museum, Overloon (Netherlands)

This FT still has the manufacturer's plate, the SN is 788.18



Pierre-Olivier Buan, August 2008 - <http://good-times.webshots.com/album/566360245euEIJQ?start=12>

Renault FT – Royal Museum of the Armed Forces, Brussels (Belgium)



"181010", April 2008 - <http://good-times.webshots.com/album/563123267YProxR?start=12>

First Renault FT – Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France) – running condition

This tank formerly carried a machinegun, but recently got the 37mm gun from the FT recovered from Afghanistan (AFV News forum)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, July 2007 - <http://news.webshots.com/album/560044037uWaecA?start=12>

Second Renault FT – Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France) – running condition

This FT still has the manufacturer's plate, the SN is 6024.18



"181010", April 2009

Third Renault FT – Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France)

This tank was recovered by French Military Special Forces in Afghanistan and brought back to France in 2007 (info. from the museum)
It originally carried a 37mm gun, but was restored with a machinegun from one of the 2 FTs in running condition (AFV News forum)



Massimo Foti, April 2010 - <http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=12593>

Renault FT – Musée de l'armée, Invalides, Paris (France)



Pierre-Olivier Buan & Fort de Seclin, May 2007 - http://the.shadock.free.fr/Tanks_in_France/fort_seclin/index.html

Renault FT – Fort de Seclin, near Lille (France)

This Renault FT is complete and already restored and is being rebuilt (info. from the museum)



Pierre-Olivier Buan & Fort de Seclin, May 2007 - http://the.shadock.free.fr/Tanks_in_France/fort_seclin/index.html

Renault FT hull and turret – Aquatic Maginot Line Memorial Way (France)

This tank was put on display as a defensive position in a rebuilt trench. It comes from another Maginot Line bunker, where it was originally placed as a defensive position before WW2. The driving train, engine, internal equipments and main armament are missing (France AFVs register)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, September 2008 - http://the.shadock.free.fr/Tanks_in_France/ft17_boulogne/index.html

Renault FT – Renault headquarters, Boulogne-Billancourt (France)

This vehicle is in very bad condition and can't be moved without structural damages (Marc Dierickx)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, July 2007 - http://the.shadock.free.fr/Tanks_in_France/ft17_gien/index.html

Renault FT – 12^{ème} BSMAT Army base, Gien (France)

The 12^{ème} BSMAT was previously known as the ERGMEB, Gien



"matteo69"

Renault FT– Fondation Marius Berliet, Le Montellier, near Lyon (France)



Adj Uof Haudenschild, Kdo MAZ, Schweizer Armee, June 2009

Renault FT – Sammlung Historische Panzer, Thun (Switzerland) – running condition

Two Renault FTs were bought by Switzerland in the 1920s for trials. Since no records exist about this tank, it's not possible to know if it is one of the original two, or if it was acquired after WW II, together with german tanks that are now visible in the Panzermuseum.

It has been fully restored during the three last years. On 29 May 2009, it was in running condition again. For the restoration, original parts has been extensively used, but the transmission, radiator (engine cooling) and some small parts were replaced with newly-built parts (Adj Uof Haudenschild, Kdo MAZ, Schweizer Armee)



Francisco A. Marin, September 2008

Renault FT – El Goloso Museum, Madrid (Spain)

This FT still has the manufacturer's plate, but the SN is unknown



Justo Molina, June 2007

Renault FT – Academia General Militar (AGM), Zaragoza (Spain)

This tank has a fake barrel (Justo Molina)



Javier Villaroya, August 2006

Renault FT – Centro de Mantenimiento de Sistemas Acorazados n°2, Segovia (Spain)



Justo Molina, July 2006

Renault FT – Academia de Infanteria, Toledo (Spain)



2010 Sami Niemeläinen

Sami Niemeläinen, July 2010 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/saminkuvat/4871613675/in/set-72157624555330527/>

Renault FT – Finnish Armour Museum, Parola (Finland)

This FT still has the manufacturer's plate, the SN is 9129.18



Rafał Białecki, September 2008

Renault FT – Kalemegdan Military Museum, Belgrade (Serbia)



Doug Kibbey, October 2006 - <http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=5132>

Renault FT – Muzeul Militar National, Bucharest (Romania)

This FT still has the manufacturer's plate, the SN is 841.18



"Gunner", March 2008 - <http://www.mapleleafup.org/forums/showthread.php?p=96189>

Renault FT – Bamako (Mali)



Vitaly Lomov, March 2011 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ahumex/5588172949/in/set-72157626301262135>

Renault FT – Kubinka Tank Museum (Russia)



"haeldar", April 2009 - <http://haeldar.livejournal.com/tag/%D0%BE%D1%80%D1%83%D0%B6%D0%B8%D0%B5>

Renault FT – monument near Afghan barracks, unknown location (Afghanistan)

There were 4 different known Renault FT tanks in Afghanistan in 2003. 2 went to the Patton Museum, Fort Knox (USA) and 1 went to the Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France). This is the 4th one (<http://www.4600n200e.com/4436.html>)



Chris Neel, April 2007 - <http://the.shadock.free.fr/aberdeen/index2.html>

Renault FT with US 6-Ton M1917 turret Aberdeen U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, MD (USA)

This is the very first Renault FT tank sent to the USA from France as the pattern Tank, in order to produce it in the USA. It was almost scrapped during WW2. The gun barrel is welded into the mantlet as the rear brass piece was removed for scrap metal during the war (Hayes Otoupalik)



Neil Baumgardner, July 2003 - <http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=6197>

Renault FT "Five of Hearts" – Fort Meade, MD (USA)



Roger Davis, May 2008

Renault FT – Patton Museum, Fort Knox, KY (USA)



Roger Davis, March 2009 - <http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=10986>

Renault FT – National Armor and Cavalry Museum, Fort Benning, GA (USA)

This tank was recovered from a dumb in Afghanistan in 2003, with another hull which can be seen lower on this document
(Don Moriarty)



Doug Barber, April 2011 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/brevort/5594465761/lightbox/#/photos/brevort/5594465761/>

Renault FT – National WW1 Museum, Kansas City, MO (USA)

The tank was previously owned by Hayes Otoupalik, who sold it in 2007 (<http://www.kansascity.com/105/story/344756.html>)



October 2005 - http://www.122nd.com/JBMM/gallery_1.htm

Renault FT – Jackson Barracks Military Museum, New Orleans, LA (USA)

The photo was taken 2 months after the museum was hit by the hurricane Katrina in August 2005.

The tank is currently being restored (Wikipedia)



<http://www.cvmari.com.br/2for.htm>

Renault FT – Escola de Material Bélico (EsMB), Vila Militar, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)



<http://www.defesanet.com.br/ft17/parte5.htm>

Renault FT – Parque Regional de Manutenção/1, Vila Militar, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)



"Ricardo P-40", September 2008 - <http://www.panzermodel.com/Forum/index.php?topic=5302.0>

Renault FT – Museu Histórico do Exército (Conde de Linhares), São Cristóvão,
Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)



Marcelo Domingues, June 2008

Renault FT – Academia Militar das Agulhas Negras (AMAN), Resende (Brazil)



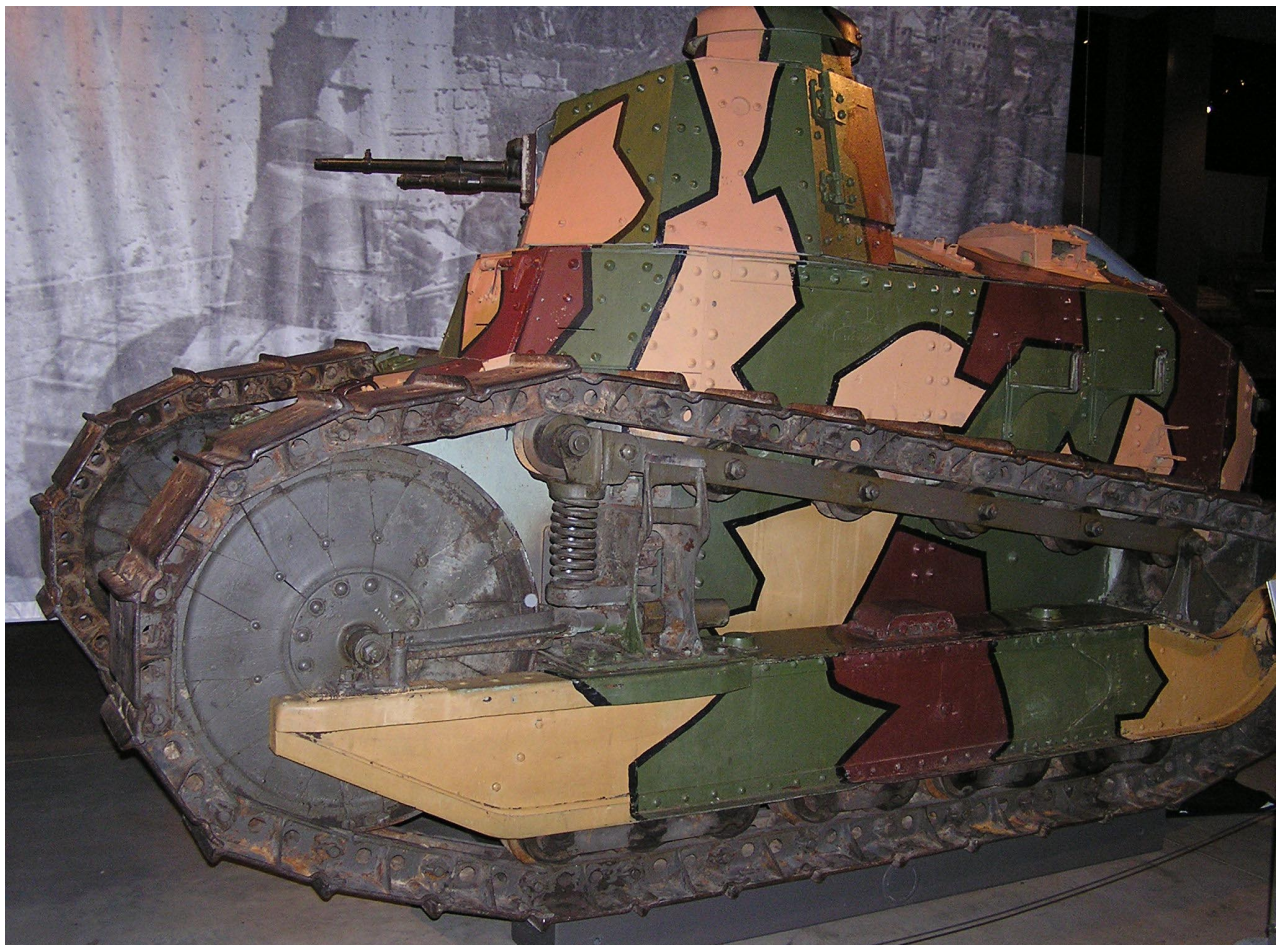
Alfredo Andre, August 2006

Renault FT – 2º Regimento de Carros de Combate, Pirassununga (Brazil)



"Lucas", June 2007 - <http://picasaweb.google.com/TratoresAntigos/MUSEUEDUARDOMATARAZZO#5225528649518173026>

Renault FT – Museu Eduardo André Matarazzo, Bebedouro (Brazil)



Peter Napier, January 2006

Renault FT – Australian War Memorial, Campbell ACT (Australia)



Tor Edgar Olsen, July 2008

Renault FT wreck – Kongsfjord (Northern Norway)

This tank sits near the village of Kongsfjord, in the Finnmark region (Norway). It was used by the Wehrmacht for coastal defence (Hayes Otoupalik). Unfortunately, it was vandalized in 2008, some tracks and parts of the engine deck disappeared (Tor Edgar Olsen)



Vladimir Yakubov, June 2008 - http://svsm.org/gallery/patton_museum_motor_pool

Renault FT hull – Patton Museum, Fort Knox, KY (USA)

This hull was recovered from a dump in Afghanistan in 2003, with another (more complete) Renault FT which can be seen above (Don Moriarty)



Brent Mullins - <http://www.mullinsjeeparts.com/gallery/category/3-unrestored-vehicles?start=20>

Renault FT hull – Brent Mullins Jeep Parts, College Station, TX (USA)

Renault FT Hull with transmission and engine. For years this tank was located in Comins, Michigan and is unit marked to the 345th Tank Bn. It was used in War Bond Drives in Chicago, Illinois and later purchased as war surplus and used for years on a farm in Comins, Michigan. Recently, Brent Mullins purchased the tank, which is undergoing restoration (Hayes Otoupalik)



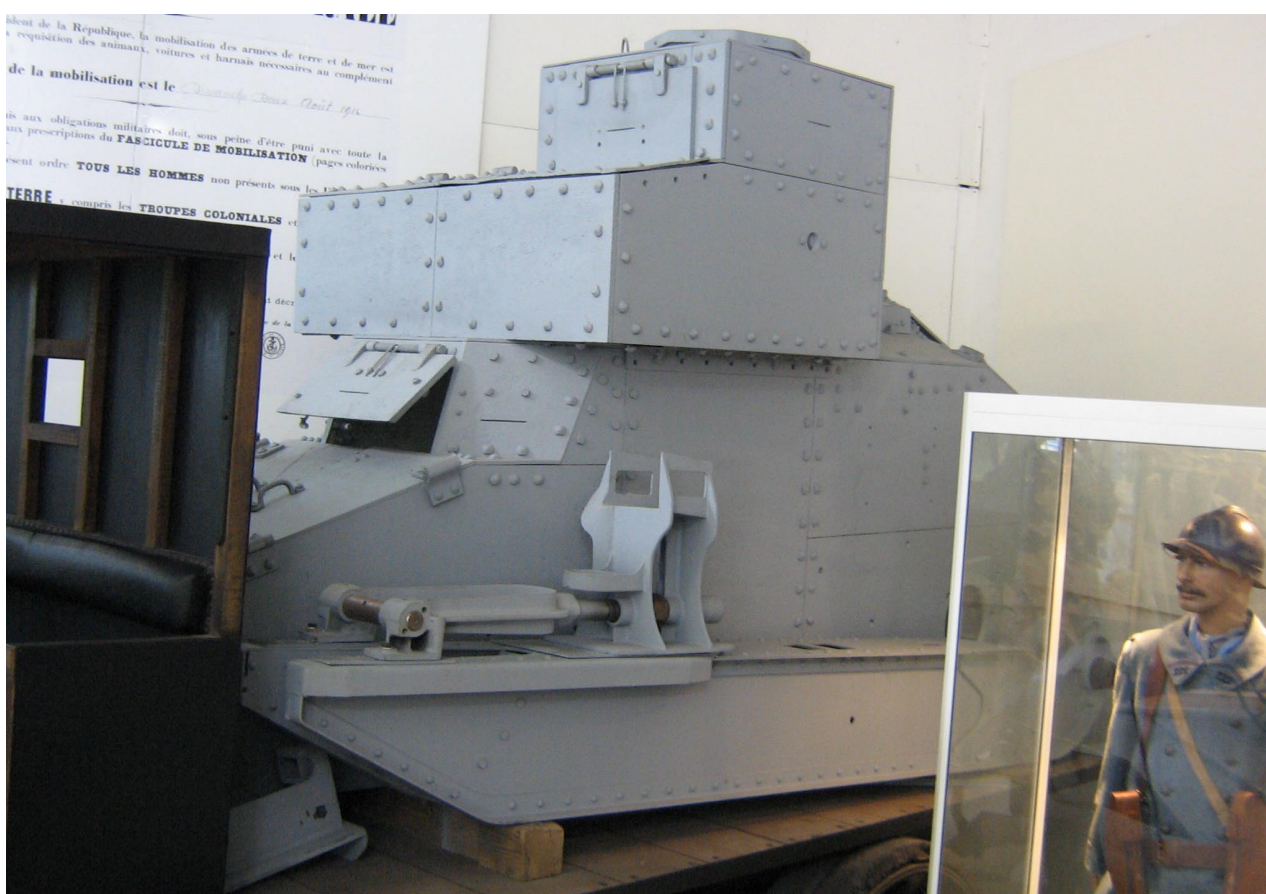
Nick Matveev, 2005 - http://tanxheaven.com/nic/Renault_FTkubinka05/ms1ft17kubinka.htm

Russkij Reno (Russian copy of the Renault FT) – Kubinka Tank Museum (Russia)



Arhip Ivanov - http://pomniti-nas.ru/mshow.php?GalleryID=1&s_OID=3549

Russkij Reno (Russian Renault FT) – Nizhny Novgorod, Nizhny Novgorod Oblast (Russia)



"181010", April 2008 - <http://good-times.webshots.com/album/563123267YProXR?start=12>

Renault FT TSF – Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France)

The Renault FT TSF (*Transmission Sans-Fil* or Wireless Communication) tank is a command tank version of the Renault FT. It is equipped with a radio, has no armament and a three-men crew. 188 of these tanks were built (Wikipedia)
It is currently (May 2009) being added new tracks and driving train (info. from the museum)



Roger Davis, June 2010 - <http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=13107>

Renault FT TSF – Fort du Hackenberg, Veckring (France)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, May 2007 - http://the.shadock.free.fr/Tanks_in_France/ft17_zeiterholz/index.html

Renault FT TSF – Fort du Zeiterholz, Entrange (France)

The tracks are not original, they were used to move the hull from its previous location



<http://www.bohun-bunkry.net/wp-content/gallery/zimowy-zlot-malechowo-2011/obraz-144.jpg>

Renault FT TSF – Unknown location (Poland)

This FT TSF hull has been seen at "Zimowy Zlot Pojazdów Militarnych" which happened in January 2011 in Malechowo, near Koszalin (Poland)



<http://www.netlabor.hu/roncskutatas/modules/myalbum/photo.php?lid=22206&cid=44>

Fiat 3000 tank parts recovered on the artillery range of Hungarian Defence Forces near Várpalota (Hungary)

The hull of this tank was destroyed by HEAT weapons but many fragments and parts were found underground. Five Fiat 3000 were bought in 1930 for testing (without armament), they were later used for training purposes. The Fiat 3000 tanks were put away from active service in 1942, and used as hard targets (Ferenc Bálint)



Marc Dierickx, October 2006

Renault FT reproduction – Maubeuge (France)
This tank is a replica (or at least partial replica) with an original Girod turret (Marc Dierickx)



"kleinst", April 2006 - <http://forummarine.forumactif.com/ftopic548.Un-apres-midi-a-Rethondes.htm>

Renault FT reproduction – Rethondes, Compiègne (France)
This tank is a replica (Marc Dierickx)



<http://picasaweb.google.com/PaulsPhotoPages/TripToTripoliAndBenghaziInLybia12Mar2009#5315002736613305186>

Fiat 3000 reproduction – Cyrene area (Lybia)

This replica was built for the film "Lion of the desert", which was made in Lybia in the 1980s
(<http://therunagatesclub.blogspot.com/2008/01/lion-of-desert-dvd-background.html>)

I'm looking for photos of those tanks :

A second Renault FT – Fort de Seclin, near Lille (France) – currently stored and not publicly visible
Renault FT – Escuela Militar de Montaña y Operaciones Especiales, Jaca (Spain)

Any Renault FT that I forgot....

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The surviving Six Ton Tanks M1917 (US version of the Renault FT) are listed here :
http://the.shadock.free.fr/Surviving_6ton_M1917.pdf

Main page : http://the.shadock.free.fr/Surviving_Panzers.html