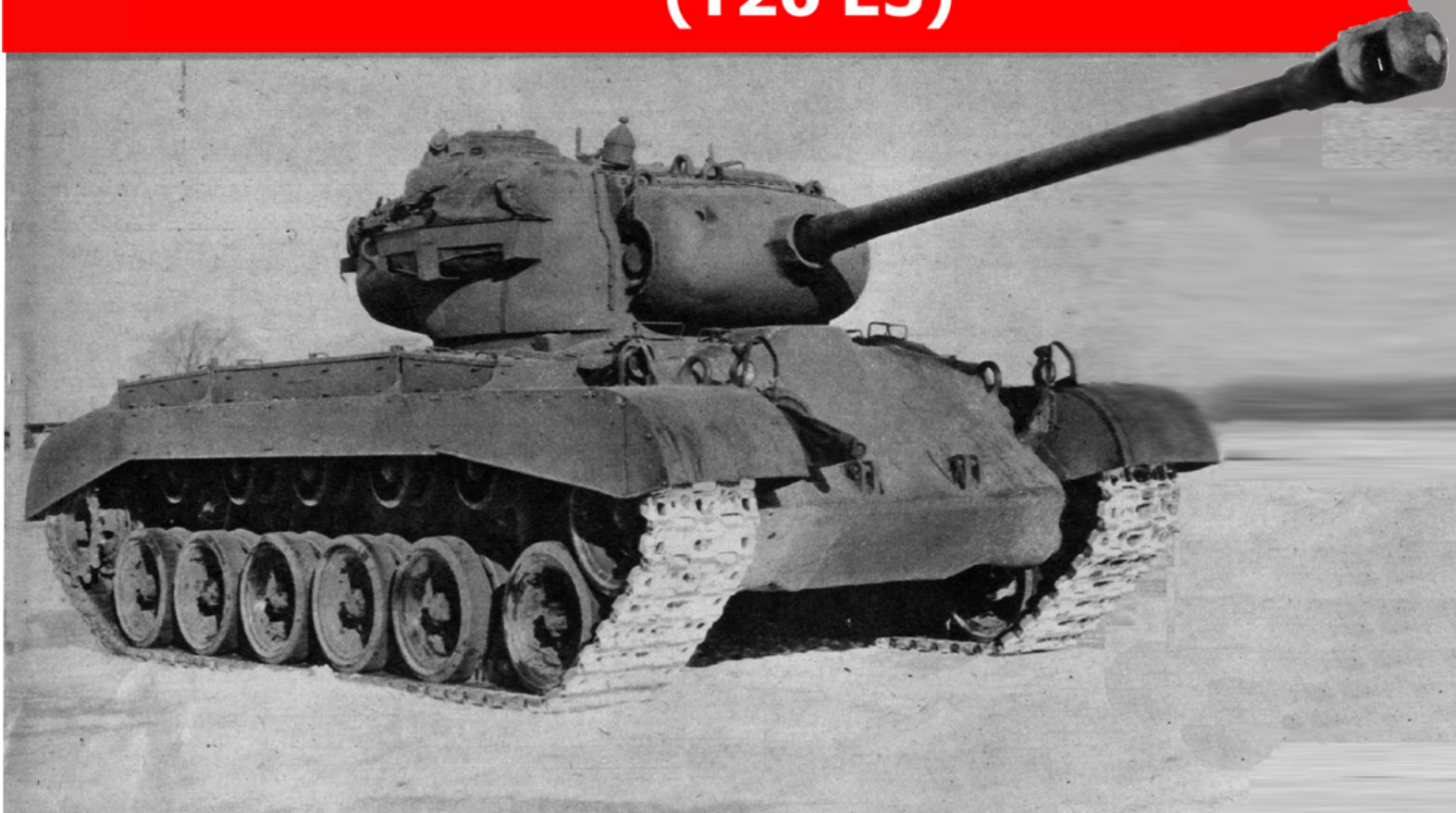


THE PERSHING M26 (T26 E3)



The M26 is a distinct departure from the usual high, bluff appearance of earlier American armor. This view emphasizes its squatness and shows the long, sharply angled glacis plate at the bow.

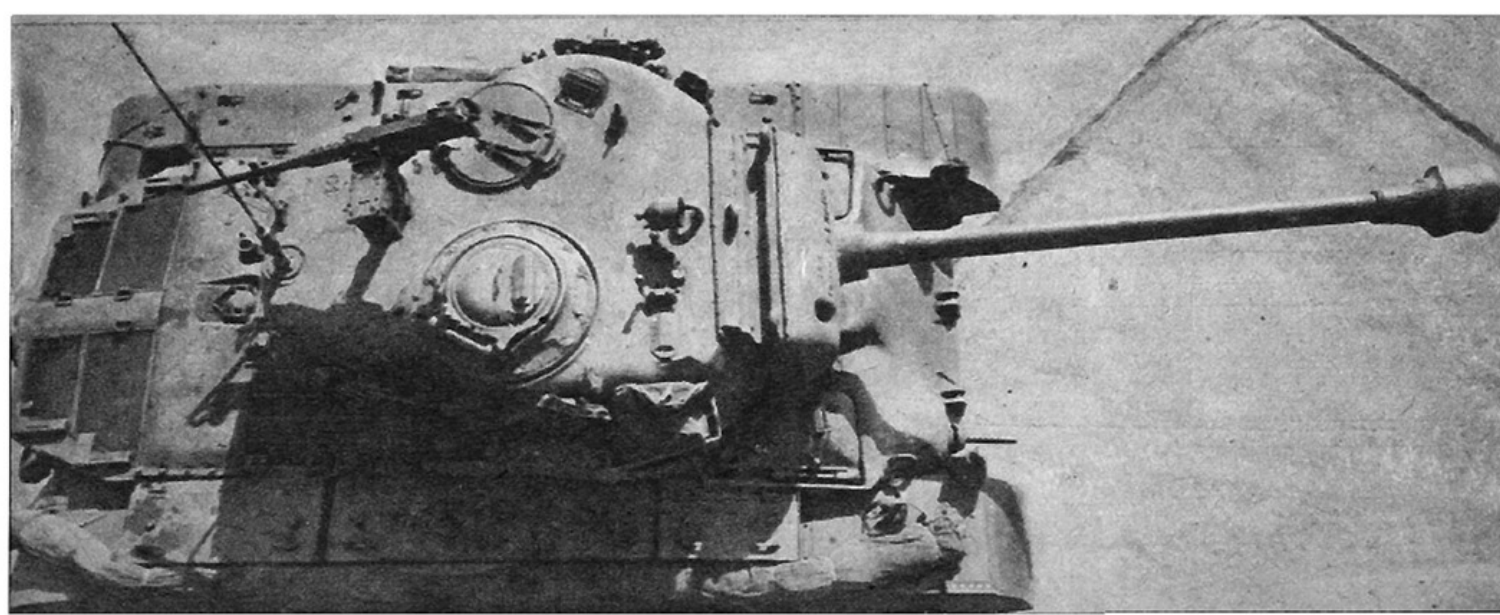
THOUGH the Pershing M26 didn't get into the fighting in Europe until very late in the game, it was in long enough to prove itself.

The first few Pershings went into action in March, with the First Army at Remagen and in the hard fighting east of Aachen where they soon won the confidence of their crews.

This new 43-tonner is the Ordnance Department's answer to the heavier German Tiger. It mounts a 90-mm high-velocity gun, equipped with a muzzle-brake, as opposed to the 88-mm on the Tiger.

Though it is called a medium tank it is much heavier and has thicker armor and more fire power than our other mediums.

The low silhouette is reminiscent of the Russian T34. Other features such as its torsion bar suspension, large bogie wheels, and wide 24-inch tracks add to its distinctly foreign look. In addition to its 90-mm gun, it mounts a .50 caliber MG and two .30-caliber LMGs. Weighing 85,700 pounds, it is 21 feet, 11 inches long and 11 feet, 2 inches wide. A new 470-HP engine drives the tank at a speed of 25 MPH.



From the top, the great width of this tank is very noticeable. This view shows the triangular shape of the cast turret and the tank commander's cupola.



The six torsionally suspended bogies are an innovation on American tanks, though this type of suspension system has been used for years on foreign tanks.

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