

FACT OF THE DAY #2

THE ALLIES USED INFLATABLE TANKS DURING WWII

Initially developed during the first world war, these dummy tanks were designed in the UK and built in America. They were composed of a painted rubberised skin covering a framework of inflated rubber tubes. Their first major use was during operation Fortitude, where they were used to replace Allied tanks deployed for the Normandy landings, helping to conceal the movements of the real tanks. They weren't without their problems though, not least of which was having to tether them so they didn't blow away. The troops also quickly learned that they could temporarily patch small punctures with chewing gum.



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