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Pattern: 6 pdr MKIII 7 cwt QF Anti-tank Gun. Introduced: 1942. Withdrawn: c1960s

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New Zealand's primary anti-tank gun from the middle of WWII until the 1960s, it was first used in North Africa in April 1942, and quickly replaced the 2 pounder in the anti-tank role, allowing the 25 pounder to revert to its intended artillery role. Weight 1,140 kg / 2,520 lb, Barrel Length 2.45m, Gun crew 6, Cartridge 57×441 mm R, Caliber 2.24 in (57 mm), Breech Vertical Block, Split trail carriage, Max Elevation 15 degrees, Max Traverse 90 degrees, Max Range 5000yards, 4600 meters. Muzzle Velocity 2700 Feet Per Second. Effective range against tanks 800 yards. The United States Army also adopted the 6 pdr as their primary anti-tank gun under the designation 57 mm Gun M1.





Right; A 6-pdr MKII anti-tank gun and its British crew in action in the Western Desert, 3 November 1942.

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