Boom! WWII Sherman Tank Set to Roll Up to the History Center Today

_in conjunction with the museum’s new We Can Do It! WWII exhibition, the 38-ton Sherman tank will be on display outside of the History Center through January 2016-

WHAT: Beginning today, Wednesday, June 17, the Senator John Heinz History Center will showcase a 38-ton, World War II Sherman tank in front of the museum’s Smithsonian wing to complement the new We Can Do It! WWII exhibition.

The 1944 M4A3(76)W HVSS Sherman tank, nicknamed the “Easy Eight,” will be delivered this morning from its current home in Ligonier, Pa.

The tank participated in the “Battle of the Bulge,” the historic march to relieve surrounded American soldiers in the Belgian town of Bastogne, as part of the 8th Tank Battalion, Fourth Armored Division in December 1944.

Nearly 50,000 M4 Sherman tanks saw service in all theaters of WWII, serving as the main battle tank of the U.S. Army and Marine Corps. Pennsylvania foundries in Coraopolis, Eddystone, Lebanon, Sharon, Bernham, and Pittsburgh all produced Sherman tank parts during the war.

Union Steel and Castings plant in Lawrenceville, at the corner of Butler Street and the 62nd Street Bridge, produced the turret of this “Easy Eight” Sherman tank along with thousands more until the end of the war.

The History Center’s new We Can Do It! WWII exhibit explores Western Pennsylvania’s incredible impact on the home, industrial, and battle fronts during World War II. Featuring three Jeeps, more than 275 rare artifacts, interactive displays, oral histories from local veterans, and immersive museum settings, We Can Do It! brings the 1940s to life as the nation commemorates the 75th anniversary of the start of WWII.

The 1944 Sherman tank, which is on loan from John Tippins of Ligonier, Pa., will be displayed outside of the History Center through January 2016.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 17
Delivery time: Noon – 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Senator John Heinz History Center
1212 Smallman Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
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