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## M 1917A1 & M1919A4 Browning .30 caliber Machine Guns





## History

The Browning .30 cal. Machine Guns Models 1917A1 & 1919 were the same basic gun. The difference being the water-jacket.

The M1917A1 was an updated version of the M1917 which was used in limited numbers during WWI. It's water-cooled barrel allowed it to fire continuously, but made it heavy.

The 1919A4 was adopted as the U.S. military's light machine gun in 1935. Initially they were just updated 1917A1's.

Both were considered to be highly reliable and accurate, and served during WWII, Korea, and into Vietnam.

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## M1917A1

The M1917A1, water-cooled heavy machine gun was developed from the M1917 Browning during the 1930s.

The water cooling allowed it to be fired continuously. In testing for the Army, John Browning fired his M1917 for 48 minutes straight.

The excess weight; however, meant it was relegated to the company level. It served alongside the M1919A4 all the way into Vietnam until both were replaced by the M60.

## Specs

Rate of Fire: 450 - 650 rds per min

Weight: 103 lbs w/tripod, water, and ammo.

Service: 1917-1970



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## M1919A4

The 1919A4 was the workhorse infantry machine gun of the US from WWII - Vietnam.

It was renowned for its accuracy and reliability. Many believed that it made the M1917A1 obsolete even without its sustained rate of fire.

It was used in all theaters of combat during WWII and Korea, and saw use into Vietnam.

## Specs

Rate of Fire: 400 - 600 rpm

(~125 rpm Sustained)

Weight: ~48 lbs w/Tripod

Service: 1919—1973

Produced: 438,971



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