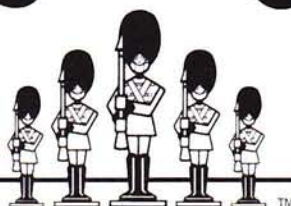


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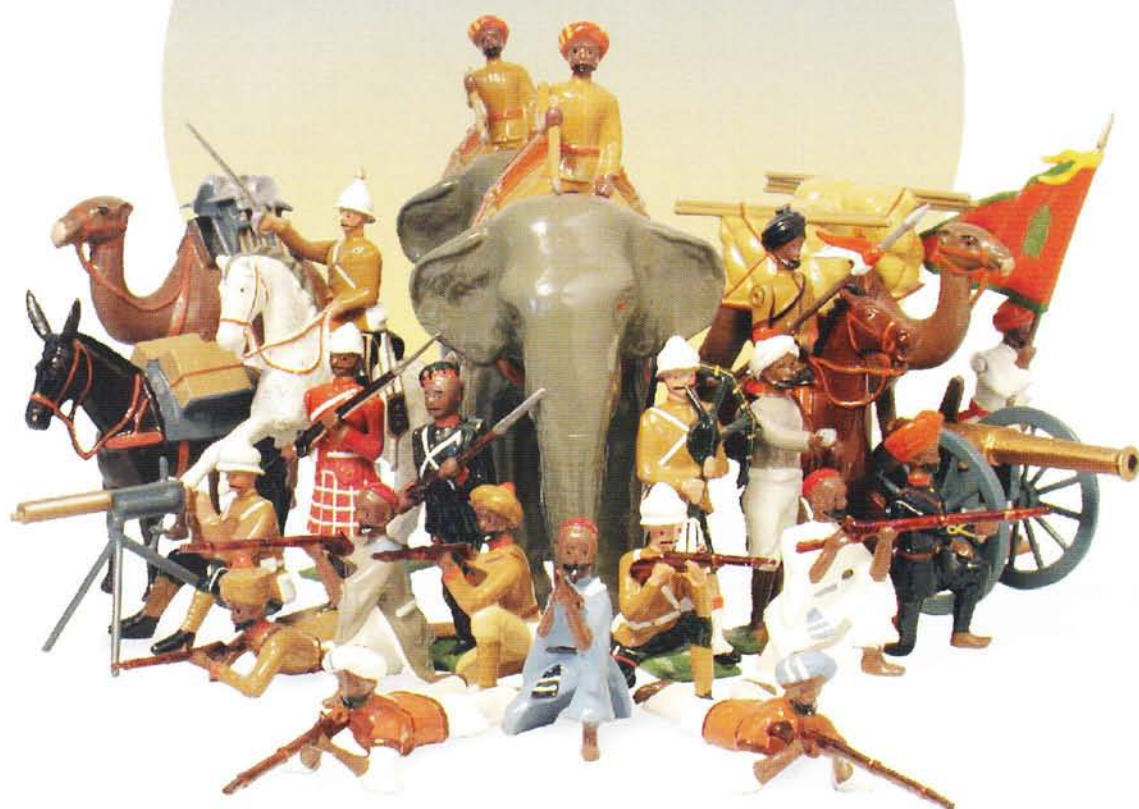
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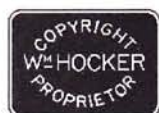
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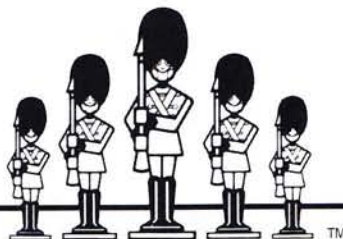
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# HOBBY NEWS

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## KING AND COUNTRY - AFGHANISTAN

Andy Neilson of King and Country introduced his line of figures and accessories depicting the Afghanistan conflict at the recent West Coaster Show in California. Andy is seen here with the model of Osama Bin Laden. There is a saying that everything has a cycle and the introduction of this range in some ways mirrors the pre-World War Two ingenuity of Britains Ltd. in introducing items depicting "Foreign" wars.



## THE TOY SOLDIER

Jim Hillestad continues to host his Open House prior to the MFCA Valley Forge Show in May and the East Coast Toy Soldier Show in Hackensack, New Jersey in November.

November's Open House will be Saturday the 2nd, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and is "a great opportunity to meet the makers of new toy soldier and figure lines". Jim promises music and light fare all day and advises visitors to come armed with camera and shopping bag.

The Toy Soldier is located at 1343 Paradise Falls, Cresco, PA. [www.the-toy-soldier.com](http://www.the-toy-soldier.com). Contact [jimhill@ptd.net](mailto:jimhill@ptd.net) or telephone (570) 629-7227 for further details.

## BONHAMS AND BROOKS MERGE WITH PHILLIPS SON AND NEALE, PHILLIPS AUCTIONEERS

Robert Brooks - Chairman of Bonhams announced the merger in a press release in November 2001.

Phillips Toy Soldier and Figure Auctions have been taking place in Knowle, West Midlands, England since transferring from the Bayswater, London auction location.

Bonhams Toy Soldier sales usually take place at the Lotts Road, Chelsea, London sale rooms.

For further details of future toy soldier sales, contact Bonhams, Montpelier Street, Knightsbridge, London SW7 1HH. [www.bonhams.com](http://www.bonhams.com). Telephone: +44 (0) 20 7393 3900. Fax: +44 (0) 20 7393 3905.

## JAMES OPIE REJOINS BONHAMS

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## INDIANAPOLIS TOY SOLDIER SHOW

OTS has received a communiqué from Barry Carter regarding the Indianapolis Toy Soldier Show.

Mr Carter states - that he has not sold or transferred ownership of the Indiana /Indianapolis / INDY Toy Soldier Show, neither have there been any negotiations to suggest that this is the case.

Mr Carter informs OTS that he will be hosting the next INDY Toy Soldier Show on March 15 2003.

# **HOBBY NEWS (cont.)**

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## **WILLIAM BRITAIN COLLECTORS CLUB - MEMBERSHIP DETAILS**

The Standard is the Exclusive Journal of the William Britain Collectors Club.

Lynn Kenwood, Editor of The Standard and Organizer of the Club, invites inquiries from potential new members who are interested in both old and new production Britains Toy Soldiers and Figures. (See advertisement in this issue)

Members benefit from special promotions and limited Collectors Club issues available only to club members along with editions of the official journal published bi-monthly.

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## **PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

The following periodicals recently published articles related to Toy Soldiers:

Antiques and Arts Weekly, March 8, 2002, featured an auction report on the Lloyd Ralston/Henry Kurtz Toy Soldier and Figure Auction.

The New York Times Magazine, March 10, 2002, "How to Fight the Next War", features Toy Soldiers to illustrate the article.

The Collector - New York - Pennsylvania Antiques Art and Americana, Volume 16 #1, March 2002, features and "potted" history of Britains Toy Soldiers by Marion Grammer.

## **HOLGER ERIKSSON COLLECTOR SOCIETY**

The Holger Eriksson Collector Society, devoted to the research into the Swedish sculptor and prolific Toy Soldier manufacturer, embarks on its 15th year in 2002. The HE (Holger Eriksson Newsletter,) with the issue of its recent Winter edition, completes fourteen years of publication and is now produced via digital technology and contains 54 pages, including four in color.

The magazine covers all aspects of Eriksson's work and the many companies associated with his Toy Soldier production.

Membership of the society is \$15 per annum and includes the newsletter. Contact Society Secretary/Co-Editor Lou Sandbote at 5307 E. Mockingbird, Suite 802, Dallas, TX 75206-5109. Telephone: (214) 823-2125. E-mail: [lousandbote@charter.net](mailto:lousandbote@charter.net).

## **NEW TOY SOLDIER SHOP FOR WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Neil Rhodes is soon to open a Toy Soldier store in Washington, D.C. Neil would like to hear from Toy Soldier manufacturers interested in retailing their products in the store. Contact Neil at (202) 544-0877. E-mail: [Toysoldiermaker@msn.com](mailto:Toysoldiermaker@msn.com).



# SHOW REPORTS

## DETROIT TOY SOLDIER SHOW HOLIDAY INN LIVONIA

*By Ray Haradin*



Joe Saine

Detroit in January was quite a surprise. With few toy soldier shows during the winter months, "Motor City" made a very enjoyable weekend.

Saturday, January 19th, despite a lack of room trading, Joe Saine attracted a very loyal crowd for his pre-show auction, with a full room during the sale and approximately 85% of 169 lots sold. Buyers availed themselves of an extensive variety of fine offerings, including Britains, Reeves, Dorset, Elastolin, Timpo, Alymer and Dimestores. Most of the bidders purchased one or two lots.

The show itself started at 7:00 a.m. Sunday, January 20th with dealers, mainly from the Midwest, setting up their troops.

Rick Berry - show organizer of the Michigan Toy Soldier Company - always manages to attract a crowd of dedicated collectors and dealers.

Matt Murphy of the Hobby Bunker made the journey from Boston with a large selection of King and Country. Lloyd Bradley of Chicago was exhibiting a fine selection of composition figures, in addition to some beautiful tin plate pieces, including the Lionel Half Track at \$7250 and an exquisite Tippco plane which sold at the show in the \$3000 range.



Lloyd Bradley

Bart Bryerton, of Bryerton's Military Miniatures - Chicago, was fending off the crowds with a diverse selection of figures, while K. Warren Mitchell of Pataskala, Ohio displayed and sold a very fine large-scale Elastolin set.



Henry Rogalski

Cincinnati dealer Bob Hornung showed his Heraldic Knights line, along with a choice selection of Courtenay Knights. Henry Rogalski summed up the show best by proclaiming "There is nothing better to do in the winter than spend it with Toy Soldier collectors in Detroit".

For show information, including dates for 2003, contact Rick Berry at (248) 586-1022.

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## SHOW REPORTS (cont.)

### THE WEST COASTER

February 24, 2002

By Ray Haradin



Thirteen years ago a small, dedicated group of collectors decided that California needed a good toy soldier show. Bob Fisher, Scott Morlan and Max Schulman organized the event at the Buena Park Holiday Inn. Mr. Schulman has since sold his interest in the show. "The West Coaster" has found a permanent home at the Irvine Marriott and this year some 70 dealers from three continents attended.

The events start on Wednesday when the majority of the dealers who fly in arrive. Christian Keller and his wife Amy, with their fine selection of Britains and German figures, travel from Pennsylvania. Also from Pennsylvania, Bud and Eleanor Born, perennial "West Coasters", who transport an army of Dimestore figures. Dimestores are very popular at the show. Thor Johnson travels from Virginia with an extremely impressive display of the St. Petersburg collection of medieval knights. Thor Johnson started the company and they quickly established themselves as the ultimate fine scale figure dealer.

One factor that makes this show special is the representation of the Pacific rim countries. It is the place where the West meets the Far East. Andy Neilson - of King and Country - flew in from Hong Kong, and unveiled two terrific series. The most popular and timely is the Afghanistan series, complete with Osama Bin Laden, although his Roman Castle line was also quite stunning. Peter Nathan made the journey from Sidney, Australia, showing a number of civilian Britains figures.

Of course, the great state of California is well represented. Bob Fisher and Scott Morlan both have massive displays of soldiers with a heavy emphasis on Britains. Their display was dwarfed by the Old Toy Soldier Home of Vista, California. Craig McClain purchased the shop from Bob Fisher over a year ago and has



Craig "Bubba" McClain

captured the market in southern California - and most of the west. The Old Toy Soldier Home carries every type of figure you can imagine. If you are in the area, a trip to his store is a real treat. If you like the "best real toy soldiers", visit Bill Hocker's booth. The Berkley, California dealer exhibited a truly impressive display with over 70 of his 300 finely crafted sets on show. The Cullens', John and Carol, always have a very fine selection of Dimestore and miscellaneous figures. Carol recently discovered a rare Dimestore prototype of a firing trench. Other local dealers, Paul and Ani Kemkemian were displaying their complete line of ANI figures. Paul introduced a new line of Medieval figures which were very popular.



Scott Morlan and Bob Phillips



## SHOW REPORTS (cont.)

### THE WEST COASTER (cont.)

February 24, 2002

By Ray Haradin



Jacques Cuypers with his boxed space set

If you like space figures, Jacques Cuypers of Salt Lake City is producing a terrific 12 piece set of space aliens with a ship - cast in pewter and selling for \$150. He sold out. Finally, no West Coaster is complete without the Brunton's- Pam mans the booth, while Bill is on the hunt. The Prescott, Arizona couple offers a very extensive selection of old and new figures.

Thursday through Saturday before the show, 40 of these dealers display in their hotel rooms, participating in what is known as "room hopping". This is where collectors can come and meet the dealers that they do business with throughout the year in very casual surroundings. It is the time during the show when friends are made and soldiers are discussed with a fanatical attention to details.



Pam Brunton

Sunday is show day and the West Coaster has traditionally started the show with Woody Lambirth of the Clan Colouuhoun on the bag pipes. This year, re-enactors formed into detachments of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, Delaware Light Infantry and the 5th NY Zouaves, all from the Brigade of the American Revolution. They fall in behind the piper and parade past the lengthy line of collectors waiting to enter the show at 9 A.M., proceeding around the entire ballroom and back past the crowd. This is a show that is well worth a trip.



Bill Hocker

# THE WEST COASTER TOY SOLDIER SHOW

## Photo Gallery

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**Clockwise from top**

Woody Lambirth of Clan Colouuhoun Opens the Show

Peter Nathan of Sydney, Australia

Thor Johnson and his entourage set up the St. Petersburg booth

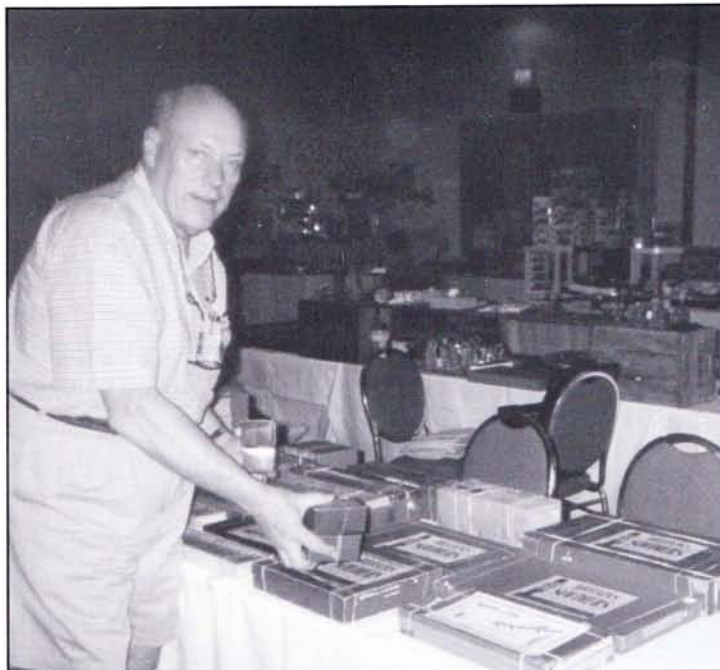
Christian and Amy Keller





# THE WEST COASTER TOY SOLDIER SHOW

## Photo Gallery (cont.)



**Clockwise from top-left**

Andy Neilson of King and Country

Gene Johnson with his stock of Britains Soldiers in their original boxes.

Paul and Ani Kemkemiah

Carol and John Cullen



The West Coaster has succeeded as the best show in the west by providing collectors a great location with lots of soldiers. It is held once a year with the next show scheduled for March 2, 2003.



# SANDOWN PARK TOY FAIR

## Sandown Park Toy Fair - England - March 2, 2002

By Philip Dean

### LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

According to a leading hotelier, these are the three prime factors to consider when building a hotel. Barry Potter applies the same philosophy to his popular toy fair. Location being just one of the main reasons for the success of the Sandown Toy Fair. Well established within a recently refurbished venue, with easy access from all points, acres of free parking and good catering on site. Add in a mixed batch of quality dealers, including stalwarts from the first show in September, 1987, and the ingredients all come together very successfully. Not only from the UK, dealers and visitors come from Holland, France, Germany and the U.S.



Barry Potter  
Sandown Park Toy Fair Organzier  
with Norman Joplin's new Britains Civilian  
Book

his recent holiday, was very happy with an early sale of two Taylor & Barratt trade boxes of WWI soldiers at \$160 each. Reflecting the variety offered by Andy, he also had the Krazy Klown circus of white plastic clowns, complete with ring from the 1950s at \$100.

Wallis & Wallis, specialist toy auctioneers, always have a good variety of items on show. Glenn Butler, partner, was showing a mint Britains Royal Horse Artillery set #9419, from 1950, with an estimate of \$980-\$1400 from their forthcoming auction.

Don, a collector over from America, combines Sandown with a visit to the antique fair at Ardingley. "Amongst my favourites are the Britains Racing Colours, difficult to find at home, but much more readily available over here." "Combining the two venues with a holiday is always very rewarding."

Richard and Lynn Lewis, owners of the Zooman and Toybox websites are never surprised at the variety of lead figures to be found at Sandown, invariably quickly sold on their site. "We know that Sandown will never fail us when we are looking for stock."

The ever smiling Andy Morant of Portobello Road, well tanned from



Andy Morant



Glenn Butler  
of Wallis & Wallis Auctioneers



## SANDOWN PARK TOY FAIR (cont.)

### Sandown Park Toy Fair - England - March 2, 2002 (cont.)

*By Philip Dean*

Roy, a dealer from Bedford, had a mint boxed Britains Prairie Schooner #2034 for sale at \$525, Cowboys #179 at \$245 and the Indian Army #1893 was on offer at \$225. A stall holder since the early days, with only 2 shows a year, now there are 4, he still prefers the "Good Old Days" when the new goods and the soft toys were not so much in evidence, but still rates the show as one of the best.

One of the diehards, an original stall holder, Bill Kingsman from Maidstone on the south coast, has fond memories of the first shows with four lead dealers, all at adjacent tables. Bill, a dealer for 40 years, was given his first lead figures when he was just 5 years old from his grandmother, a dealer, who acquired them in an estate sale. "People know you are here and will come to buy". He always has the same pitch.



Jill Horne

"Today, my biggest sale was early on, with a regular customer buying 7 sets. Four Famous Regiment boxes, the very rare 17th Lancers on Pony Horse, Union of South Africa Defense Force and the Territorials in Green. The last two at \$1120 each." "Yes, I like Sandown."

A wonderful display of civilians figures could be found on the stall of Jill Horne, including lots of the Garden series from Britains, which is becoming increasingly difficult and expensive to find. Small bags of crazy paving and lawn pieces, 75 paving and 40 lawn with a rustic arch for good measure, all for \$105. Jill tells me she only started selling at the fairs to combat the boredom when she would accompany her husband, Tony, who deals in obsolete die-cast. Now they take "his & her" tables, side by side.

The show at Sandown Racecourse always has a very eclectic mix of toys and figures, this time not many composition figures, but something for all. Lots of trains, tin-plate and die-cast, but still plenty of quality lead. Around the show could be found a boxed Sacul Hank & Silver King at \$245 and, at least two more unboxed, a mint Britains cottage #504 (\$550), a boxed Crescent School Days, complete with ink well and poem, but with the usual fatigue, on sale at \$270. There were Village Idiots everywhere, some very distressed, the best in green at \$400. The Crescent Milk Bar, usually less some of the smaller pieces, could be had, boxed, with nothing missing for \$500.

Sandown has a reputation to maintain as one of the foremost toy fairs in the UK. Today it lived up to that reputation.

*Photographs by Philip Dean*



Bill Kingsman



Roger Maryon (left)  
and Richard "The Zoo Man" Lewis  
examine a "dead" Britains Giraffe



# The Durso Company

Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
by Vincent J. Russo and Patrice Servais



8300 - Royal Canadian Mounted  
Policeman with Rifle

The Durso Company, a producer of excellent composition figures, was founded in 1938 in Liege, Belgium, by the Latvian born sculptor Michel Klimov and his artistic wife, Russian born Valentine Lomaguine. The company name was taken from a Latin phrase, DURatum ac SOLidum (durable and solid), very likely suggested by their son's Latin teacher.

Durso produced composition figures much like their German competitors, Elastolin and Lineol, but in the opinion of many collectors, went far beyond these companies in quality, imagination and scope.

Production continued through the German occupation of Belgium during WWII, with brief closings during part of 1943 and 1944. After the re-startup in 1944, output flourished, new lines were introduced and, at its peak in the 1950's, Durso was producing up to 4500 figures per day. From that point on, however, business started to decline until the factory doors were closed in 1972.

Durso figures have been very popular with European (especially Belgium) collectors, and are now steadily gaining favor in the USA and Canada. The range of production covered not only military figures of

many countries but also "Specialty" series, such as Famous Personalities, Vikings, Middle Age Warriors, Knights, Cowboys and Indians, Bandits, Congo, Tarzan (rumor has it that Mr. Klimov was inspired by early Tarzan movies from the USA). Also produced were a Nativity Set, a Complete Circus, Wild and Domestic Animals, Birds, Folklore Figures and many, many more.

## Durso and the RCMP

The coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place on June 2, 1953. After seeing newspaper, magazine and television accounts of this historic event depicting (among others) Royal Canadian Mounted Police "on parade," Mr. Klimov decided to create this series. To ensure maximum accuracy he consulted with the British Embassy and, what they could not provide, he obtained directly from RCMP Headquarters.

In May of 1954, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (12 poses) were first introduced. They were depicted in their traditional Red uniforms. In 1957, Mounties in Blue uniforms were added to the line depicting all poses. Blue uniforms were then worn by the RCMP for very special occasions, such as a visit by the Queen.

A second release of Mounties was introduced in 1965. This included all new poses (again in Red and Blue uniforms). The first depiction of the Canadian Maple Leaf Flag was introduced at this time along with several other action figures.



8301 - Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman with Lance  
8306 - Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman Bugler  
Both Red and Blue Jacketed examples are illustrated



# The Durso Company (cont.)

Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
by Vincent J. Russo and Patrice Servais



8305 - Officer of Horseback, 8302 - Mounted Officer Saluting, and 8307 Mounted Officer with Binoculars

The accuracy of this series, so sought by Mr. Klimov, comes through in many ways; e.g.

All the horses were made specifically for this series with all the correct insignias and strap-ping. (No "stock" horses which could be used in other series)

Riders and horses were produced as a "pair," made to go together. Red uniformed Mounties were on lighter brown horses, which their Blue uniformed comrades were on dark brown horses.



8303 - Policeman on Horse Firing Rifle and 8304 - Policeman on Horse Firing Pistol

The "pennons" on the lances, red and white since the creation of the RCMP, were deemed too "hostile" for visiting dignitaries (such as the Queen), so blue and yellow pennons were often used with the Blue uniforms. Durso incorporated both of these color schemes into their production.

The horse standing with no rider was made with "no hole" to insert a rider. It was meant only to stand alongside a dismounted figure.



8311 - Officer Marching, 8312 - Officer Flag Bearer, and 8310 - Policeman Marching with Rifle



8326 - Policeman Kneeling Firing Rifle. Stand horse - no hole in saddle (see text).

## The Durso Company (cont.)

Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
by Vincent J. Russo and Patrice Servais



8304 - Policeman on Horse Firing Pistol, 8330 - Policeman Crouching Firing Pistol, 8303 - Policeman on Horse Firing Rifle, 8326 - Policeman Kneeling Firing Rifle, 8329 - Policeman Standing Firing Pistol, and 8325 - Policeman Standing Firing Rifle.



8332 - Policeman Mastering Bandit and 8328 - Policeman Advancing with Rifle - captured bandit lying.

### The Bandits

Durso introduced a series of masked "Bandits" into their line as early as 1948, complete with trees, picket fence, and campfires. These figures were most likely initially intended to be the adversaries of the "Cowboys"; however, once the Canadian Mounties were introduced, many collectors portrayed these Bandits as the "Bad Guys" in RCMP dioramas. Mr. Klimov probably envisioned this happening and created Figure 8332 (Mountie mastering a Bandit) in 1954.

### Catalog Numbers

8300 - 8303 and 8310 - 8332 were issued in 1954. 8304 - 8307 were issued in 1965

### The Royal Canadian Mounted Police

From 1670 to 1870, the Company of the Hudson Bay maintained relative stability on Territories spreading from the Red River to the Rocky Mountains. In 1867, the Dominion of Canada purchased this Territory and created Manitoba Province. With the departure of the Hudson Bay Company insecurity increased and, in 1873, the General Governor, Lord Dufferin, approved the creation of the Northwest Mounted Police, a force of approximately 300 men.

One of the main tasks for this force was to keep the peace between Indian tribes and the white settlers. Then, in 1898, the Klondike gold rush created a new challenge for the NWMP. In 1904, King Edward VII gave them "Royal Status" and, in 1920, the Royal NWMP absorbed the Police of the Dominion and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was created-and its strength increased to approximately 2500 members.

See the advertisement for the book "Composition Figures of Belgium - The Durso Company" by Vincent J. Russo, Bertel Bruun, and Lucien Maris on page 28 of this magazine.



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# BRIGADIER THE LORD LOVAT

WITH PIPER BILL MILLIN

By E. W. Fitzgerald

Simon Christopher Fraser, 1911-1995, was the 17th Lord Lovat, one of the large landowners of Scotland and a genuine Highland Chief. On June 6, 1944, Brigadier Lord "Shimi" Lovat commanded the 1st Special Service Brigade comprised of Number 3, 4 and 6 Commando with attached Royal Marines and Free French Troops.

As he was briefing his men on June 5, 1944, Brigadier the Lord Lovat said: "A hundred years from now your children's children will say they must have been giants in those days."

This force, led by the charismatic Lovat, landed at Sword Beach and marched through German-held territory to link up with the British airborne troops at Pegasus Bridge near Benouville. His Lordship's personal piper, Bill Millin, led the way playing "Blue Bonnets over the Border" as they crossed Pegasus Bridge exposed to enemy fire. In the actual event, Bill Millin reports that the unflappable Lovat looked like he was out for a walk on his country estate. On June 12, 1944, Lovat was seriously wounded by artillery fire and evacuated.

Shimi (Gaelic for "Son of Simon") Lovat was awarded the DSO and Military Cross for his heroic deeds during World War II, which included the leadership of Number 4 Commando at Dieppe in 1942.

Britains Ltd. Has produced a two figure set (No. 17385) featuring Lord Lovat and his piper, Bill Millin, for release in 2002. Anyone interested in the history of the Normandy landings will want these fine figures turned out in the Green Berets of the Commandos. Lord Lovat wears a gray sweater (just like Peter Lawford in "The Longest Day"!) and is armed with a rifle. Piper Millin is attired in battle dress and carries his pipes.



The photo of Lord Lovat was taken after the Dieppe Raid in 1942.



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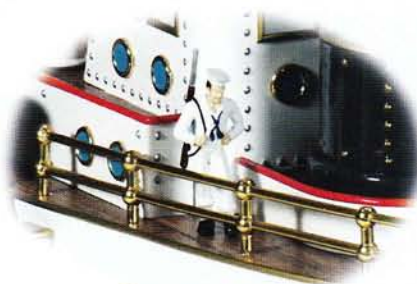
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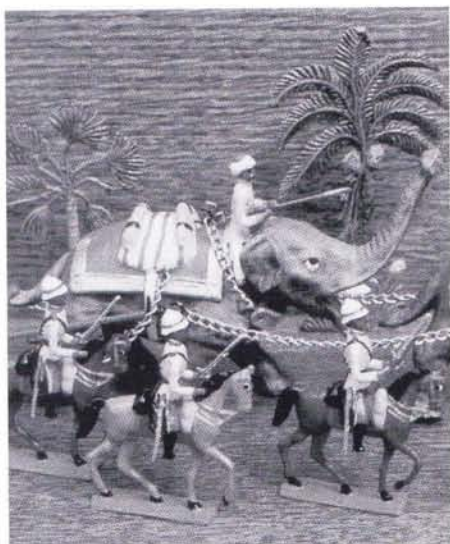
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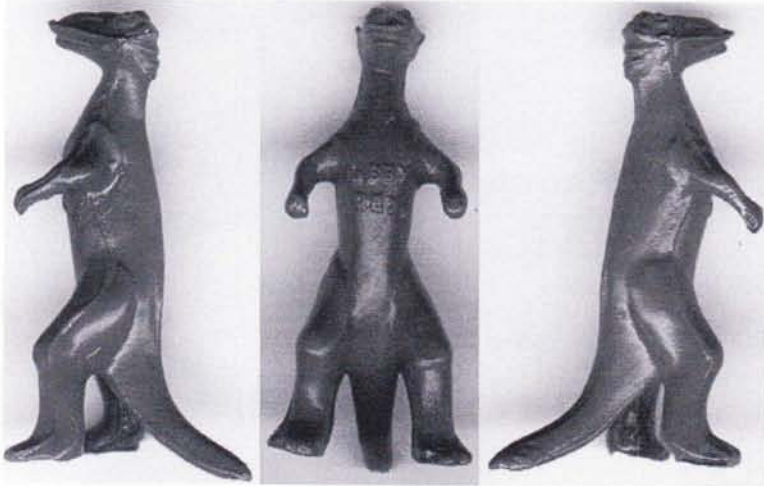
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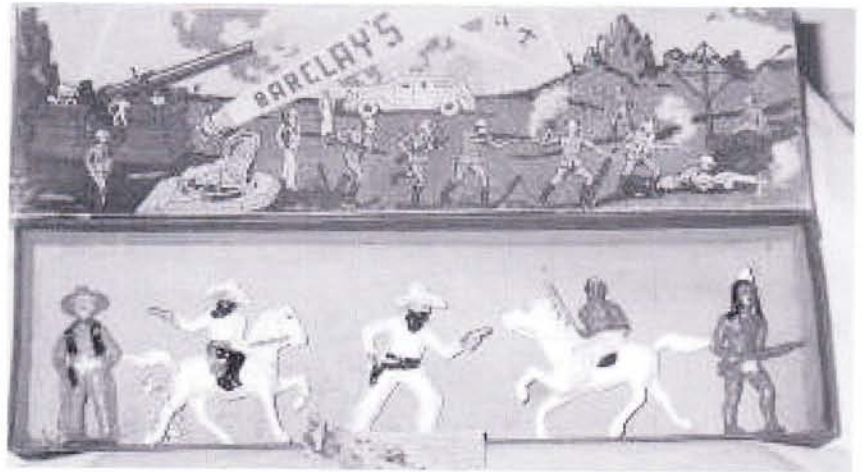
### Lincoln Log - Og Son of Fire

During the month of March 2002, this rare, mint and undamaged example of the Lincoln Log Og Son of Fire Series "REX" was offered on Ebay and obtained a winning bid of over \$1300. A damaged example with the usual missing paw was also sold for around \$130.

An update on the Lincoln Log Og Son of Fire series of figures appears in the reconnaissance feature in this issue.

### Barclay Masked Rider Cowboy Set

This set was purchased from EBay by "Buy Now" method for \$69.00. Don Boyden subsequently purchased the set from the EBay purchaser and supplied this photo to OTS. The set contains two rare cowboys. White B96 with black mask and brown B94 with sherrifs badge and stripes.



### Britains Dominion Petrol Pump

In Volume 25, No. 4 of OTS, Philip Dean's article entitled, "Britains Road Series," traced the history of the Britains Petrol Pump Series. The Dominion Petrol Pump was not part of Philip's collection at the time he compiled the article. The illustrated pump was offered on EBay and subsequently purchased by Philip Dean.

### Little Bo Peep

This previously undiscovered hollow cast figure of Little Bo Peep recently featured on EBay it is of British manufacture circa 1950 and is similar in paint style to many Timpo products from this era. It remains unidentified.





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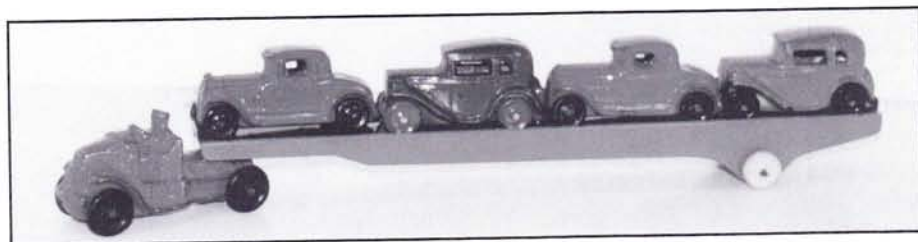
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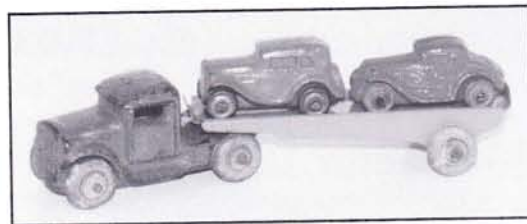
# BARCLAY CAR CARRIERS OR TRANSPORTS

By Stan Alekna

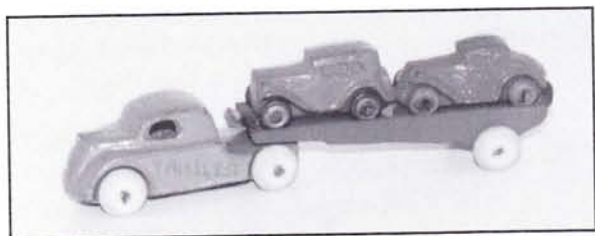
A small niche of Barclay vehicles in which there is much confusion and little detailed documentation is the area of Barclay's car carriers that are sometimes called transports. This results in some badly mismatched sets of cabs/tractors, trailers and cars being offered for sale at shows and auctions. The following tables, photos and illustrations should offer new information to those who care and sufficient detail to assist those who want to collect "one of everything" Barclay made. All of the photos are of vehicles in our collection and the sketches and some data was borrowed from a paper by Dave Rappaport in 1992 who I have been unable to locate. Perhaps he will see this article and will contact me.



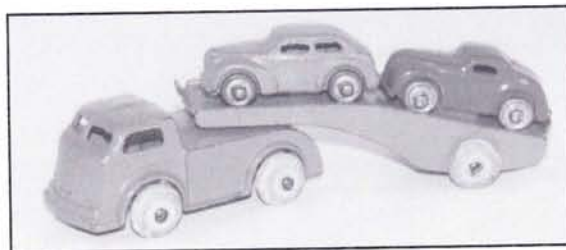
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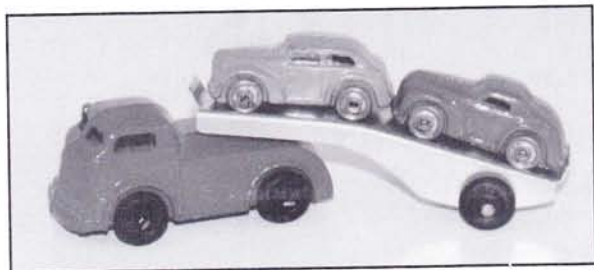
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BV11



BV75



BV157



BV107A



BV107B



# BARCLAY CAR CARRIERS OR TRANSPORTS (cont.)

By Stan Alekna

I warn you right now that if you have one or more sets of car carriers in your collection, chances are that the cab, trailer and cars are not properly matched and you may want to stop reading right here so you won't have to search for the correct items to accurately complete your sets. Certainly there was overlap in production and assembly of the various sets from the earliest slush cast models to the latest die cast sets. This could account for anomalies in outfitting sets insofar as trailers, cars and types of tires, so maybe you will be content to regard any mismatches you discover as "transition" sets. However, I don't think such rationalization would explain a set comprised of a post war die cast cab with a tin trailer from the 1930s loaded with 1960 vintage cars such as I saw offered recently on the internet. Such gross mismatches are sometimes even encountered at the better toy soldier shows, so perhaps this article will initiate a major swap meet where everyone can bring their transports and exchange components until each set is correct. In any case, this document, including the photos and tables, will help you accurately assemble the twelve different, valid combinations, including the three cab variations of BV75 and BV157, if you are so inclined.

While the photos and table are intended to be self-explanatory and replace what would be hundreds of words, allow me to highlight some of my findings. The cabs progressed from three early and very distinctive slush cast models to three somewhat distinctive die cast models, one of which has three variations in the manner in which the axle was attached to the chassis.



ILLUSTRATION 1 - AXLE SUPPORT VARIATIONS

Illustration 1 shows the full axle post, half axle post and the no axle post or solid wheel well versions of the cab that was used for both BV75 and BV157. Mold markings of BARCLAY MADE IN U.S.A." are

found on the underside of these cabs. The markings are very distinct on the full axle post model; faint on the half post model and nearly invisible on the solid wheel well model which may be a fair indication of the sequence of manufacture. Clearly the full well model was much more sturdy than the post models. Only the BV114 cab contained the words "TRAILER" and, in fact, it is not a trailer at all! The trailers progressed from painted tin trailers of the three slush cast sets, to BV11 which was the only set with a die cast trailer, to the single and double tin trailers of BV75 and BV157 and finally, the aluminum trailers of BV107. Also, note that the ribbed, black, or white side wall tires on the cab of BV107 should also be present on the single and double level trailers of these sets.

Illustration 2 below shows the difference between smooth and what I have called "ribbed" tires. A component shown below that is seldom found intact is the tiny, removable locking key of the double trailer of BV157. This key kept the cars from flying off the lower deck of the trailer as the transport sped along to important destinations.

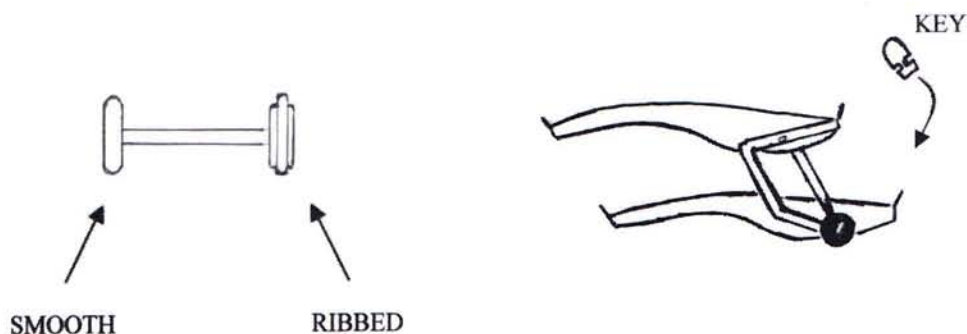


ILLUSTRATION 2 - TIRE VARIATIONS & LOCKING KEY FOR BV157



# BARCLAY CAR CARRIERS OR TRANSPORTS (cont.)

By Stan Alekna

My research lead to some interesting discoveries regarding the cars for the various transports. The small 1" slush cast cars used on BV152 and BV114 were miniature versions of BV132 and BV10. Richard O'Brien has advised me that he never assigned a number to these smaller cars, nor to the small, early die cast coupe and sedan used on BV11 and early production sets of BV75 because he simply had not seen them and had no photos of them. Richard's BV108 applies only to the latest model die cast coupe and sedan made in the 1960's for the single and double deck trailers of BV107. The early die cast cars progressed from full post axle supports to solid wheel wells just as occurred with BV75's cab. However, I was surprised to find that when Barclay moved to the BV108 cars in the 60s, they reverted back to the structurally inferior full post axle support before once again changing to the full wheel well. I guess they were a toy company after all and should not be judged on their engineering or production efficiency.

BV75 was shipped attached to a cardboard base by rubber bands which also served to hold the cars on the trailer. BV157 came in a cardboard sleeve, also with the cars held in place by rubber bands. I have seen bubble packs of groups of 5 and of 9 BV108s on display hang cards and I think I recall seeing BV107b in a bubble pack.

I thoroughly enjoyed studying and juggling the cabs, trailers and cars of my car carriers, researching everything I could find in print and talking with collectors about these vehicles, and I hope that this article will add a small dimension to the documentation of our hobby.



BV132  
Unlisted "mini"

BV10  
Unlisted "mini"



Unlisted, early die cast Coupe and Sedan



BV75 (as shipped)



BV157 (in cardboard sleeve)



# BARCLAY CAR CARRIERS OR TRANSPORTS (cont.)

By Stan Alekna

	O'BRIEN #	CAB	TRAILER	CARS	VALUE @ 98%
S L U S H	BV 153	1 <sup>st</sup> model, red, open cab with driver, white rubber tires or metal wheels	8-1/2" long red, green or orange tin. White rubber tires or metal wheels	2 BV10 Austin coupes 2" long and 2 BV132 coupes 2-1/4" long. Red, green, blue, orange; large black or red metal wheels	\$ 225
	BV 152	Green, white tires on wood hubs or solid white tires, square "MACK" profile; 1930s.	Single, red, green, grey or orange tin with white rubber tires on hubs or solid white tires.	Unlisted 1-5/8" slush cast, cars in red, green, blue & orange. Miniature versions of BV10 Austin coupe & BV 132 coupe; metal wheels with solid wheel wells.	\$ 185
	BV 114	Green, rounded front end, white tires. "TRAILER" on side.	Single, red, green or orange tin with white rubber tires.	Same as above.	\$ 165
D I E C A S T	BV 11	Red or green, full axle post white rubber tires, single window marked "BARCLAY MADE IN USA"	Single level orange or blue, die cast, white rubber tires, marked "BARCLAY MADE IN USA"	Unlisted, detailed die cast coupe. 1-1/2" long and sedan 1-5/8" long with small metal wheels; full axle post; then no axle post (solid wheel well) many colors.	\$ 145
	BV 75	Red with smooth black rubber tires, single window a) full axle post clearly marked "BARCLAY MADE IN USA" b) half axle post faintly marked "BARCLAY MADE IN USA" c) no axle post, solid wheel well, faint or no markings.	Single level tin then later, aluminum which was thicker; smooth black rubber tires	Began with same cars as BV11; then moved to BV108 die cast coupe and sedan with full axle post and small metal wheels. Later BV108s had no axle post and black plastic wheels on an axle that snapped into notch of the solid wheel well. Many colors.	\$ 55
	BV 157	Same as above	Double level tin with key lock on 1 <sup>st</sup> level to hold cars; then aluminum which was thicker; smooth black tires.	Same as above	\$ 90
	BV 107a	Last model – late 1960s. Red or neon colors; 2 side windows and flat front. No axle post; large pedestal trailer hitch; black or WSW tires with center rib.	Double level aluminum. No key. Black or WSW tires with center rib.	Later model BV108 coupe and sedan. Black plastic wheels on an axle that snapped into notch of solid wheel well. Many colors ending with neon colors in the late 1960s.	\$ 95
	BV 107b	Same as above	Single level aluminum. Black or WSW tires with center rib.	Same as above	\$60



If anyone has any additional information on Barclay's car carriers or transports, I hope they will contact me:

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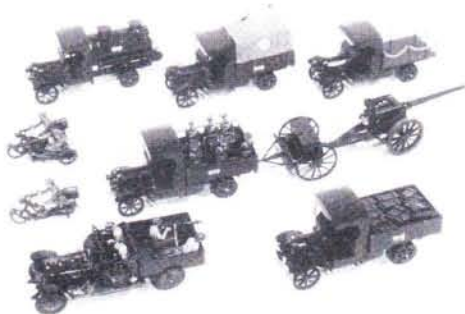
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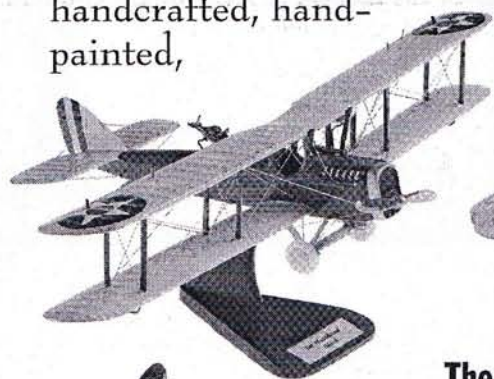


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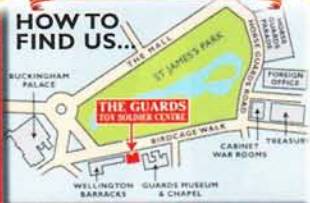


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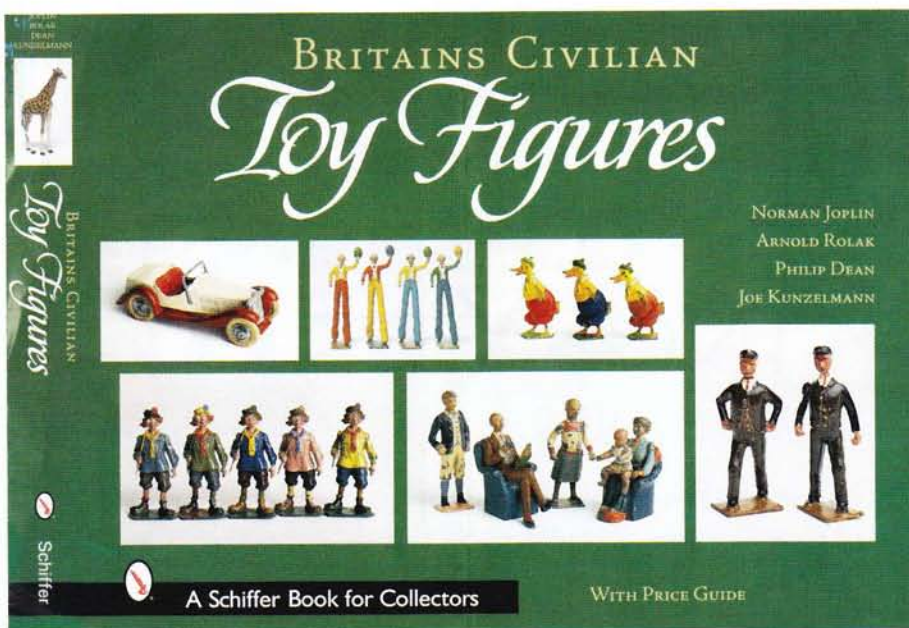
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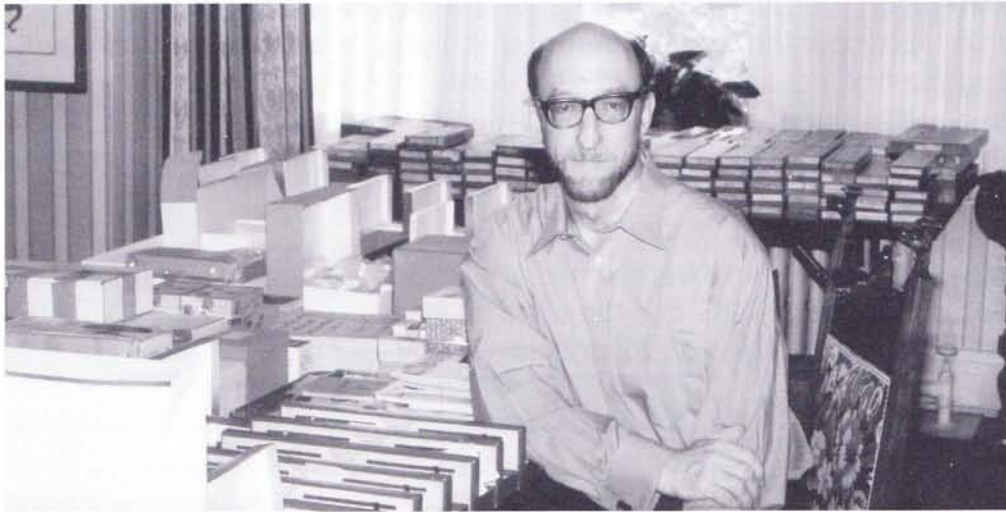
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# A FAREWELL TO A COLLECTION

By Stewart D. Saxe

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Each of my troops, and their related farm, zoo and circus relatives, were assembled in the dining room for a final farewell. Norman Joplin joined me for the final roll call, which was great fun. As Norman made sure everything was properly listed and auction ready, we noted the rare sets and talked about the collection's history. Packed up in 26 cartons by Vicky and Debbie from Vectis, addressed to England, they were shipped off to do service for new avid collectors. It was real when they left, it was final when the auction hammer fell.

I've collected Britains since I was a wee tot who was rewarded for bravery as I faced my weekly allergy shot. A foot soldier, perhaps a mounted figure, from the bins at Kresges (P Series sold in bulk) ameliorated the fearsome occasion. Special events brought an occasional red box, but strong parental anti-war toy feelings reduced such purchases. Income from my first summer job was split between social activities and a weekly money order to the big city toy shop that had on lay-away a Changing of the Guard set (that one I have kept) and six boxes of Scots Greys to go with it. Red coats are very appealing to youthful collectors.

I joined the local club and interested my immediate circle of friends, so interest didn't die. In my twenty's (thirty years ago!), I set a goal of assembling a complete collection based on the 1959 catalogue, my childhood wish book.

Dealer lists, especially Warren Mitchell, M.F.C.A. shows, Phillips auctions, the O.T.S. show and the British Toy Soldier show all made their contributions. In the late 1970s and early 80s, I purchased whole collections. Duplicates were assembled in 1983 and given to the Canadian War Museum. Another major group of extras went to a local dealer to pay off the house mortgage. Annual trips to Lee Schaeffer's house helped - he made two tremendous purchases in those early years. I still miss Lee.

By the late 80s, the goal was mostly accomplished. A short list of wants diminished a little each year. My goals moved on - a complete Timpo, Johillco, Crescent, Wendall and Cherilea post war lead collection were (and are) now pursued.

For well over 10 years, the collection of Britains sat, half displayed, half in cupboards. I concluded it was time for others to enjoy adding to their collection.



# A FAREWELL TO A COLLECTION (cont.)

By Stewart D. Saxe

Investment had never been the prime objective and maximum return still wasn't, now that it was time to part company. What I most wanted was a memory of the goal of a complete catalogue. Discussions with some of the leading auction houses followed and Vectis promised what I sought. If you've seen their January 2002 Catalogue for the auction, you know they delivered on their promise. A few little things went wrong, but I give them a 95% grade. They came to Toronto, did the packing, arranged the shipping and promoted the sale all very well.

Warren Mitchell might have paid more (remember at auction there is a 27.5%+ difference between what the buyer pays and the seller receives - and the result is somewhat unpredictable). Ebay might have produced more, at significant effort. But no redistribution methods would have left me with the catalogue to remember it all.

My own view is that the auction result indicates a slight weakening of the market, at least at the time of the auction. Most of the sets sold at very reasonable prices and a few represented great deals for the buyer. Vectis was correctly very conservative about their condition descriptions, and perhaps buyers cautious about inflated descriptions found elsewhere, were careful about bidding. The best deals buyers got were for loose farm pieces and unboxed, rare, zoo animals. The buyer of set 2018, Danish Garde Husars (no box) for under \$300 (U.S.) should be pretty happy as well.

The prices realized show a strong valuing of condition. Two store fresh variations of set 1 realized 180 Pounds and 160 Pounds while much rarer boxed sets of 2088 and 2092 sold for 150. Pounds A double set of Royal Marines, 1284, sold for 110 Pounds in a poor box with (according to Vectis) a mismatched officer, while a set of marching Royal Marines, 35, in a good box fetched 130 Pounds

No, I don't miss them. Nearly 2000 remaining Britains figures, even more from the other manufacturers and over 500 R.C.M.P. figures in every medium, still fill the shelves and satisfy my collecting addiction and -- I HAVE THE CATALOG.



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Post War Britains Figures and Vehicles  
1917 - 1966*

*Thursday 24th January 2002  
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1950's



# AUCTION REPORTS AND PREVIEWS

## VECTIS AUCTIONS - STEWART SAXE COLLECTION

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**January 24, 2002**  
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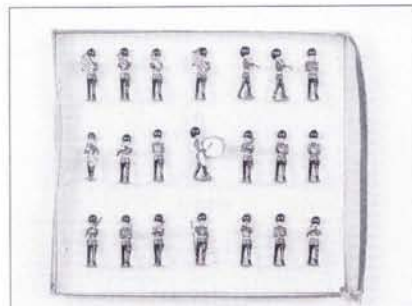
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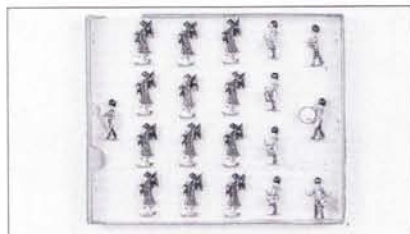
**Lot 83** 1720 - Mounted Band of the Royal Scots Greys - 6 Mounted Musicians on Grey Horses & Kettle Drummer on Black Horse - VG (marks to horses' legs) - unboxed.  
**£170 - £200**



**Lot 85** 2093 - Band of the Royal Berkshire Regiment comprising 23 Marching Musicians, an Officer & Drum Major (plastic drums have some flaking of transfers) otherwise Excellent - box base only.  
**£500 - £700**



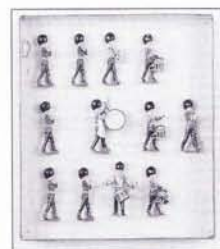
**Lot 87** 37 - Band of the Coldstream Guards comprising 20 Marching Bandsmen with Drum Major - Excellent in P to F ROAN box (base corners taped & torn, lid edges & corner torn).  
**£300 - £350**



**Lot 84** 1722 - Drum & Pipe Band of the Scots Guards comprising 12 Marching Pipers, 4 Side Drummers, 1 Tenor & 1 Base Drummer, Cymbalist & Drum Major (some drum transfers missing, 1 Piper has mismatched cloak).  
**£400 - £500**



**Lot 86** 2096 - Drum & Pipe Band of the Irish Guards comprising 6 Marching Pipers, 3 Side Drummers, Base Drummer, Cymbalist & Drum Major - Excellent - unboxed.  
**£250 - £300**



**Lot 88** 2108 - Drums & Fifes of the Welsh Guards comprising 11 Marching Bandsmen with Drum Major, plastic drums - Excellent - unstrung in G ROAN box (1 edge torn & water damage to label) - no insert card.  
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With a total of 461 lots, and only 16 unsold, The Stewart Saxe auction must rate as one of the most successful ever. As far as prices realized, the starts of the show had to be the catalogues, the last 5 lots.

**Lot 457** - 3 catalogues, 104th, 110th and 113th editions \$360 (estimate \$110-140)

**Lot 458** - 4 catalogues, 1950-51-52-53 sold for \$770 (estimate \$210-240)

**Lot 459** - 4 catalogues, 1954-55-57-58 sold for \$770 (estimate \$210-240)

**Lot 460** - 7 catalogues, 1960-61-62-63-64-65-66 sold for \$1700 (estimate \$280-350)

**Lot 461** - 30 catalogues & leaflets (approx.), sold for \$840 (estimate \$100-170)

There were over 20 bands on offer, all selling well.

**Lot 295** - 26 piece unlisted Bahamas Police Band, sold for \$3080 (estimate \$2100-2500)

**Lot 296** - 15 piece Bahamas Police Band, sold for \$3780 (estimate \$1700-2100)



## AUCTION REPORTS AND PREVIEWS (cont.)

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### VECTIS AUCTIONS - STEWART SAXE COLLECTION (cont.)

The rarest of the 3 Bahamas sets on offer, the policemen at attention, sold for \$900, against an estimate of \$980-1400, but it was missing one of the figures.

**Lots 213 & 214**, two versions of the US Marine Corps Band both sold for the top estimate of \$840, with the US Military Band in the yellow dress uniform (2110) selling for \$1000 (estimate \$840-1120)

With nearly 250 military sets, I have picked just 3 of the rarer offerings, but most do really deserve a mention.

**Lot 62** - Set 145-Royal Army Medical Corps (1954-59) all excellent in a very good box sold for \$780 (estimate \$2;80-350)

**Lot 75** - Set 9424-Changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace, a two tier display box with 82 pieces in a very good original box sold for \$2450 (estimate \$1400-2100)

**Lot 147** - Royal Air Force Colour Party, an unlisted set from 1958, complete with a letter of provenance sold for \$1900 against an estimate of \$980-1400

Totaling over 180 Picture Packs - with the military, zoo and farm packs, the winners (for once) were the Indians (Lot 322) selling for \$360 (estimate \$190-220) but, with one exception (Lot 303 unsold), all the packs sold for above estimate.

Britains vehicles are always popular, and this was reflected in the prices realized of both the military and civilian types.

**Lot 328** - An excellent Volunteer Corps Ambulance, complete with driver and casualty, in a very good box sold for \$1190 against an estimate of \$700-980

**Lot 138** - A very rare blue underslung lorry (1641) was sold for \$925 (estimate \$700-1120)

**Lot 336** - Set 104V, 3 petrol pumps with the oil bin and the garage mechanic, all in a VG well illustrated box sold for \$420 (estimate \$280-350)

A rare item in any condition was **Lot 363**, thatched cottage No 503F, only made 1961-62, this was mint with the excellent original box, estimated at \$490-560, this was sold for \$870, a low price for such an addition to a collection.

Military, Historical, Cowboys, Indians, Farm Zoo, Circus, Lilliput, this was an auction for all pockets (from \$28 - \$3780). A catalogue that has already become a collectors item. A large number of satisfied buyers. A happy auction house and a much richer, but poorer, Stewart Saxe. They don't come much better than this!!!

*Words by Philip Dean*



# AUCTION REPORTS AND PREVIEWS (cont.)

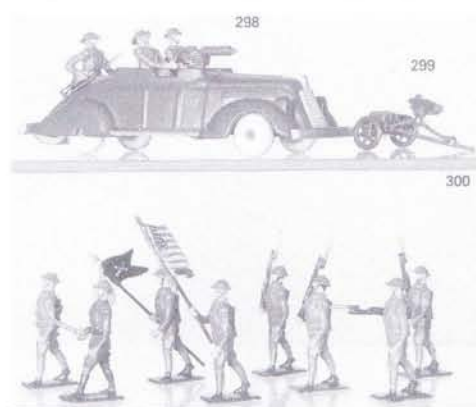
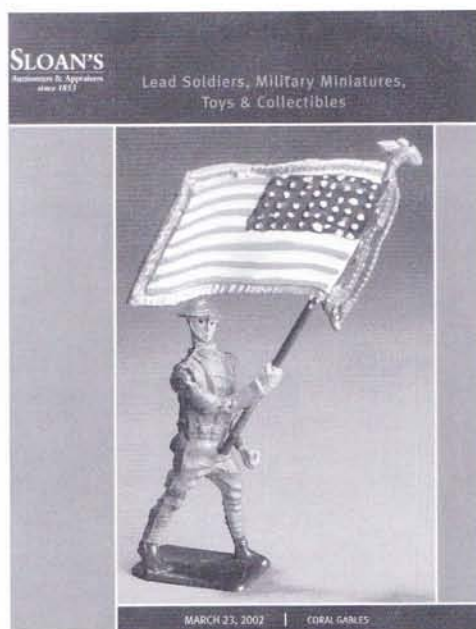
## SLOAN'S FLORIDA

### Auction

March 23, 2002

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Rare Warrens from the Collection of Peter Blum were the feature of a 300+ auction at Sloan's Coral Gables Miami Florida.



### Auction Preview

Vectis Auctions in England have announced that their July 18th, 2002 auction will feature a major Australian Toy Soldier Collection featuring Britains Lead and Plastic Toy Soldiers.

## Sloan's Auction

Property from the Collection of Peter J. Blum, N.Y., N.Y.

•298 **WARREN: RARE SET #41 U.S. ARMY SCOUT CAR.** With machine gunner, driver and seated soldier with rifle, white wheels. [E/G, few chips]. (9). Illustrated on page 35 and inside back cover  
\$1,200-2,000

•299 **WARREN: WATER COOLED MACHINE GUN.** [G]. (1). Illustrated  
\$150-175

•300 **WARREN: GROUP OF WARREN U.S. INFANTRY.** One U.S. standard bearer, one trumpeter, one flag bearer, one officer with sword raised and four marching troops. [E, few chips]. (8). Illustrated on page 35 and front cover  
\$800-1,000

•301 **WARREN: RARE U.S. GUN TEAM, OUTRIDERS AND CAVALRYMEN.** Four-horse team with limber and gun, four-horse team with two riders (two riders missing); two seated on limber, two seated on gun; eleven cavalry including yellow cavalry Regimental Color bearer, one troop Guidon bearer, one bugler, one officer and seven cavalrymen (one missing rider). [G/E, few chips]. Illustrated inside back cover  
\$3,000-4,000

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299 - \$180

300 - \$1100

301 - \$3100

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# RECONNAISSANCE

## JONES BUFFALO BILL?



This 54mm scale Buffalo Bill figure was obtained from Chicago dealer Ron Race.

It bears all the hallmarks of an early Edward Jones piece, with the only marking being that of the word "Chicago" inscribed on it.



If any reader has further info on this item, please contact OTS. Previous issues of OTS have featured articles on Buffalo Bill figures by various manufacturers. See Volume 19 #4 - Will Beierwaltes and Volume 21 #4 - Norman Joplin. Back copies of both volumes may be available by contacting OTS at P.O. Box 13324, Pittsburgh, PA 15243-0324. Telephone: (412) 563-3499; Fax: (412) 344-5273. E-mail: raytoys@aol.com.



## LINCOLN LOG OG SON OF FIRE Libby's Milk promotional items

Ron Eccles submitted these pictures of the Og Son of Fire adventure game to update the article published in the OTS(N) inaugural - Volume 1 #2 - Don Pielin. The prehistoric animals are not part of the game. Can anyone identify the manufacturer?



## BRITAINS SET #1621 - Frontier Force Boxed Set

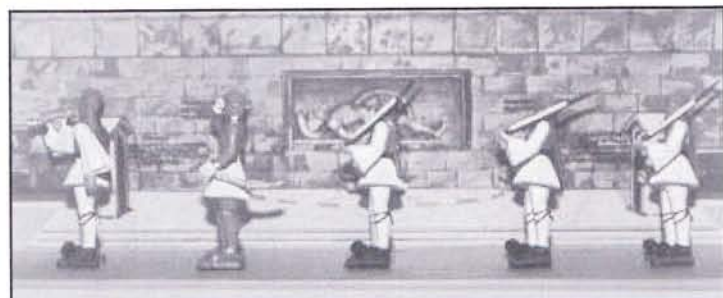
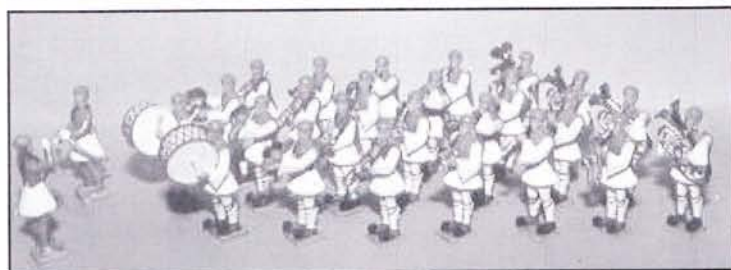
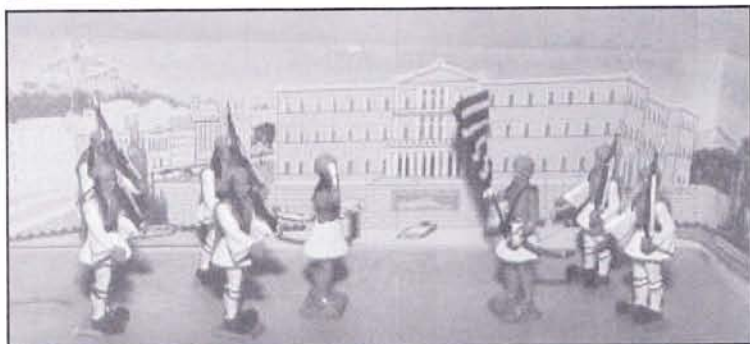
As a postscript to Joe Wallis' article in OTS, Volume 25, #4. This boxed set was part of a Vectis Auction in England, March 14, 2002. Price realized before buyer's premium = 260 British Pounds.





# PLASTICS ON PARADE

## Aohna (Athina) Plastics - Greek Evzones by Julio Acero Jurjo



### Left, Top to Bottom:

Evzones of Corfu - blue jacket, trousers and white boots,  
Tomb of the Unknown Warrior backdrop  
Officer and Bugler at attention. Slope arms. Parliament  
Building backdrop  
Evzone Band  
Officer, Bugler, and Slope arms at attention

### Right, Top to Bottom:

Bugler, Officer and Slope arms. Blue jackets  
Cavalry Officer, Bugler, and Troopers  
Officer and Flag Bearer at ease. Red jackets  
Boxed set with Parliament Building backdrop

### Corrections: Volume 25 #4, Greek Plastic Figures.

The name of the manufacturer was incorrectly spelled and should have read: Aohna, the company is also known as Athina. Thanks to Argentinean subscriber/collector Julio Acero Jurjo.

George Betts, author of this article, is from New Brunswick, Canada, and not British Columbia, as stated.



## PLASTICS ON PARADE (cont.)

### BRITAINS DEETAIL - DESERT STORM

Britains introduced their Deetail line in 1971, the first set being that of six German Infantry figures of World War Two. The six items were given a combined catalog reference # of 7350 for individual figures. A boxed set containing all six figures was numbered 7354.

The figures illustrated are from the German Infantry Series; however, they are painted in "sand camouflage" uniforms and are thought to be prototype paint examples destined for inclusion in Britains catalog during the Gulf War in early 1991.

It is uncertain if these paint variants were ever on general release.





## MR. DONALD I. HOVDE

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Donald Ingvald Hovde, 70, a long time resident of Madison, Wisconsin, McLean, Virginia and Scottsdale, Arizona died peacefully on February 8th at his home in Madison. He had fought courageously with prostate cancer for the past 12 months. Mr. Hovde was born in Madison on March 6, 1931, graduated from Madison East High School in 1949 and earned a B.B.A. degree in 1953 from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he was a Member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. Mr. Hovde married Virginia Eileen Bothun, his loving wife and inseparable companion for 47 years, on February 20, 1954, and was the devoted father of Steven of Barrington, IL, Elizabeth of Lake Forest, IL, James of Madison, WI, Eric of Washington, D.C., and Kirsten of West Hartford, CT.

Following graduation from the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Hovde was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant with the Army ROTC and served as a U.S. Army Pilot before his honorable discharge in 1959. Mr. Hovde then embarked on a remarkable career in the fields of real estate, finance and banking, followed by a distinguished record of service with the Federal Government and, more recently, as founder of a prominent investment banking firm serving the financial services industry.

Mr. Hovde was the third oldest child of the late Ingvald and Joseffa Hovde and was the beloved brother of Russell, Jean, Joanne and Glenn. Mr. Hovde was the cherished grandfather of fourteen grandchildren: Carolyn, Genevieve, Kirk, Sarah, Thomas, Katherine, Michael, Jonathan, Emily, Anne, Carlin, Brita, Matthew and Meghan. He is also survived by his revered chocolate Labrador retriever, Hershey, who never left his side during his valiant fight against his affliction.

Donald's toy soldier collecting passion was well known. Donald collected and accumulated a unique collection of "Dimestore" figures and was instrumental in conceiving the idea of a Dimestore Breakfast at the OTS show in Chicago. A trust has been set up to handle the collection, which will be offered to museums from time to time for temporary exhibitions. It is hoped that the Dimestore Breakfast at the Old Toy Soldier Show in Chicago will continue as a tribute to Mr. Hovde. Charlie O'Brien and Verne Johnson already have plans in preparation. Further details will be available in OTS summer and fall issues.



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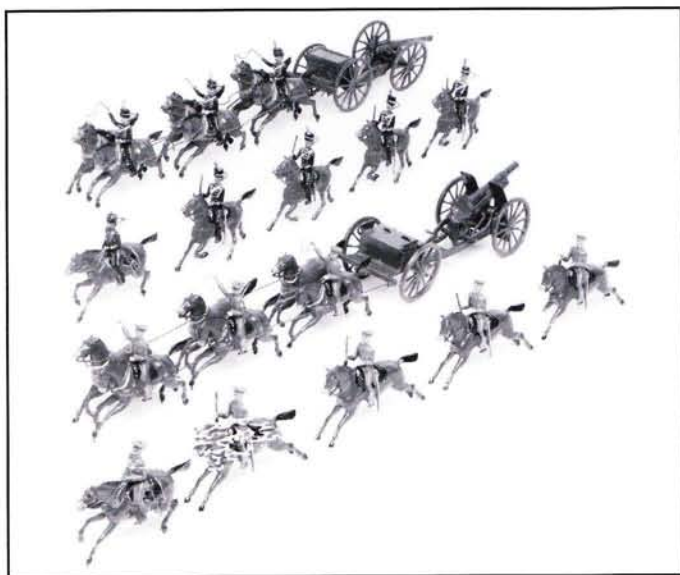
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# Britains Royal Horse Artillery: Variations on a Theme

## by Rob Wilson

The Royal Horse Artillery is one of the most famous of all British Regiments. The "History & Traditions" postcard series by Gale and Polden commemorates their distinguished history. Similar illustrations by Harry Payne and Richard Simkin were perhaps an inspiration for Britains in designing their figures.



The cover photo illustrates two unusual variants of Britains set 39. At the rear, the last variant of the collar harness version in full dress (c. 1924). Note that both the escort and the postillions use the larger head casting. Most collar harness gun teams use the smaller head. In the front, the last version of the set in service dress (c. 1948), with peak caps. The escort ride typical post-war horses at the gallop although the officer is still on the fixed arm, pre war horse.

James Opie, in his "Great Book of Britains", distinguishes 5 main variations in the design of the ever popular Set 39, (see Table 1). In addition to this set, which depicts the regiment in Review Order or Full Dress, there were 4 additional variations with the regiment in khaki service dress (Set 39A), plus at least two variants of the much rarer Set 317, which used quite different castings at the halt, as well as set 2077, which depicted the team at the walk.

**Table 1 Basic Variations of Sets 39 and 39A**

Set no.	Variant (Opie, 1993)	date of introduction	distinctive features
39	seated gunners	1896	Shafted limber and gun with bucket seats for gunners
39 & 39A	collar harness	1906	Poled limber without seats, mounted escort
39 & 39A	light harness	1920	New castings for team with modern harness
39 & 39A	new limber	1931	New castings for gun and limber
39A	steel helmet	1940	All figures in steel helmets
39	post war	1948	New galloping castings for escort

However, closer examination reveals a large number of other more subtle distinctions. Disregarding different paint styles, there were a number of other distinct differences in the way in which the basic set 39 was put together, which can be a useful guide to collectors in trying to date their sets. Table 2 sets out the main features.

# Britains Royal Horse Artillery: Variations on a Theme (cont.)

## by Rob Wilson

### The RHA in Full Dress

Set 39 was first introduced in 1896 and represented the most ambitious designed by Britains up to that date. The set represented a full gun team with four (clean shaven) seated gunners and a mounted officer. There were two seats for the gunners on the grey painted shafted, limber and two more special "bucket" seats on either side of the gun barrel of the gun. The latter was modelled on the Armstrong 12 pounder, breech loading gun first introduced in real life in the late 19th century. The set predates the RASC and RAMC wagons, which were not introduced for another decade. The seated figures in Set 39 were quite different to those used in these later sets, not simply by virtue of having a different head, but using a unique body casting, including the knee length boots worn by the RHA as well as the frogging on their short jackets. With its accompanying fixed arm casting of an officer on a charging horse<sup>1</sup>, the set was sold in a long narrow box. It was also distributed as part of the larger display sets such as Set 73.



First version of set 39, with shafted limber and 4 seated men. Although some times pictured with an escort on horseback as well, this is the complete set, with just the officer from the escort on his own horse.



Detail of the seated men from set 39 with a figure from set 146 for comparison. Note that the RHA figure not only has a different head but a unique body with calf length boots and lacing on the jackets in the casting.

<sup>1</sup> This casting was also used for the Officer for the 6th Dragoon Guards in Set 106.

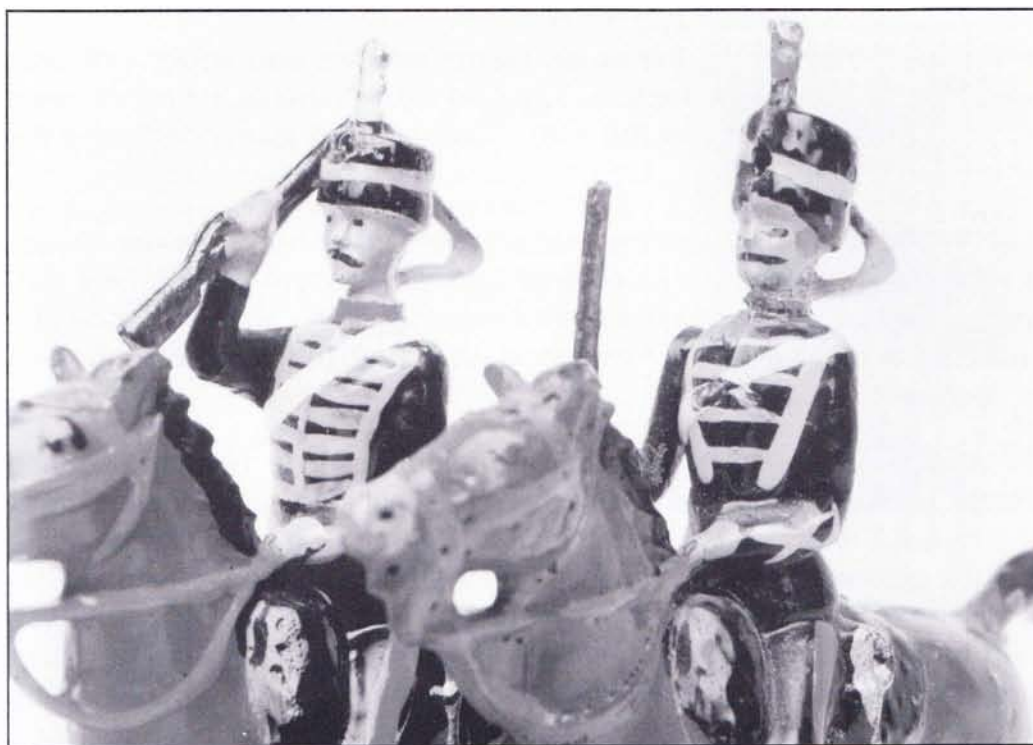


## Britains Royal Horse Artillery: Variations on a Theme (cont.)

*by Rob Wilson*

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The first major change to the set design occurred in 1906. Britains introduced a number of new sets that year, including the aforementioned RAMC and RASC wagons as well as Set 144, a Royal Field Artillery gun team with walking horses. These were depicted with the same, old style, collar harness. However, a new type of centre pole limber was introduced, which was also used for Set 39. At the same time, Britains recognised that the practice of riding on the gun and limber had been abandoned, as too dangerous, by the real life regiment for many years. The limber was therefore modified, with a new smooth top without seats and the bucket seats omitted from the gun. Instead, the gunners, now wearing moustaches, were provided with separate mounts. These used the same casting of the head up trotting horses (dated 12.12.1902), which was introduced in Set 8 for the 4th Hussar trumpeter. Probably at the same time, a new casting, with stamping to the belly of the officer's horse was introduced. The four gunners were all armed with short carbines. At this time, the figures all had quite small heads, which had been used previously in the various Hussar sets. To accommodate the mounted gunners a new box was required, shorter but wider, with an extra row for the five mounted gunners. Set 73 was modified around the same time to include the Royal Field Artillery rather than the RHA, which could no longer be fitted into the same compartment in the large display box that had been used previously.



Detail of the changes to the escort around 1920. At the rear, the earlier dated casting with small head and short carbine (superbly painted). In front, the larger head and long carbine on an undated casting (with a much cruder paint style).

After 1916, with the introduction of the new service dress versions of sets 39, 144, 145 and 146, the white painted twisted wire harness, which had been used to depict the ropes linking the horses together, was replaced by a simplified single strand of wire. This applied to all the horse drawn vehicles, including the artillery limbers. Other changes introduced around the same time included:

- o variations to the paint finish for the equipment (switching from the original light grey, through khaki (1914-18), fumed metal (introduced around 1919) and back to grey again);
- o changes to the weapons carried by the escorts (long as opposed to short carbines);
- o size of the head castings;
- o and, finally, the removal of the date stamp from the horses of the escorts.



# Britains Royal Horse Artillery: Variations on a Theme (cont.)

## *by Rob Wilson*

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There is some uncertainty about precisely when the larger heads and long carbines were introduced. According to Andrew Rose in "Toy Soldiers", it was around 1920 (and linked to the use of the undated horse for hussar and related figures). This included the use of a larger head for all the Hussar troopers, as well as the RHA escort. While quite an elegant casting the new hussar style busby or cap was probably a mite oversize, especially in comparison with the one worn by the officer.<sup>2</sup>

However, a number of examples of the use of the large heads with dated horses exist, so it is probably a mistake to think that these changes all occurred simultaneously. It seems likely that both the arm with the long carbine and the larger head were introduced prior to the early 1920s. James Opie suggests the date for the introduction of the long carbine was 1916 (Great Book of Britains, p 162) but he does not offer an opinion about the date of changeover to the larger head. Many examples of the set with the escort having large heads, while the team riders have the old smaller head are known to exist.<sup>3</sup> The combination of collar harness team with larger heads on the riders shown on the front cover is probably quite rare, representing a sample produced during a short transition period around 1920. The practice of using castings for the escort date stamped on the bellies of the horses probably ended between 1923-25.

In 1920 the old fashioned collar harness, used on all the horse drawn vehicles and equipment, was phased out in favour of the more modern breast or light harness. The next major variants, therefore, were based on these new castings. In the full dress version (Set 39) both escort and and team riders used the larger head casting.

In 1931 Britains introduced a new limber, with improved ammunition chest, opening to the rear (much more like the real equipment than the old hinged top). A much improved and modern looking new gun, was also designed. This was based loosely on the 18 pounder (rather than the slightly smaller 13 pounder actually used by the RHA since just prior to the start of the First World War). Both the full dress and service dress sets benefited from this upgrading.

After the second world war, the RHA remained a popular set. Officially reintroduced in 1948, the set had probably been made available in small numbers for export before then. This included some service dress examples, as described below. The new full dress version introduced in 1948, was essentially, the same as the pre-war version, except that the gunners were now supplied on the galloping horse used in Sets 43 and 44. Initially the officer was still the old fixed arm figure but in 1952 he was replaced by a new casting, the horse for which was based on the mounted North American Indian figure on a galloping horse with a base to support the rear legs. At the same time the old method of representing the traces (using wire) was replaced by a system of "H" shaped, clip on traces. The new set was supplied in a much larger box than that which had served since 1906. The customer now had to assemble the team, which no doubt added to the play value (but also resulted in minor damage in the form of scratching to the horses as they were repeatedly assembled and dismantled. Some of the earliest pre 1952 sets were painted in pre-war style, with greater detail, including flesh coloured muzzles for the horses. The 1952 version, was somewhat less well detailed. This continued with only minor paint style variations until 1965, finishing its life with a new set number (9419).

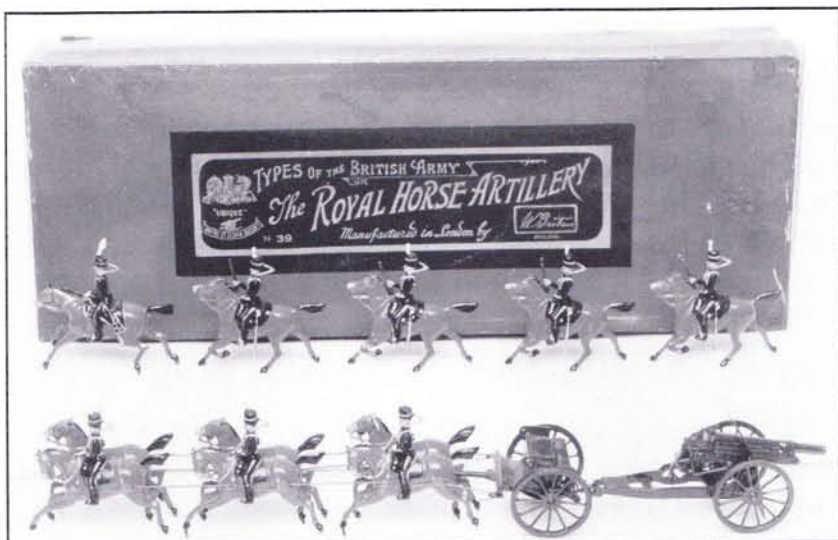
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<sup>2</sup> The headgear for all the Hussar officers remained the same throughout the many years of production, after the introduction of the improved officer on the prancing horse in 1910.

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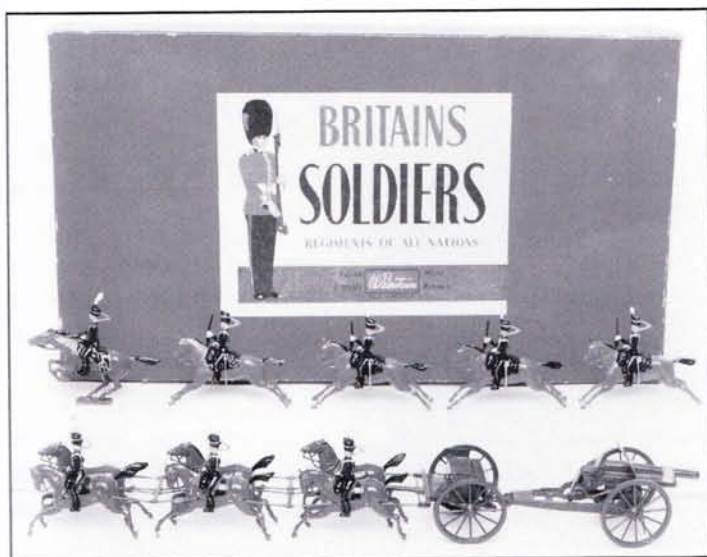
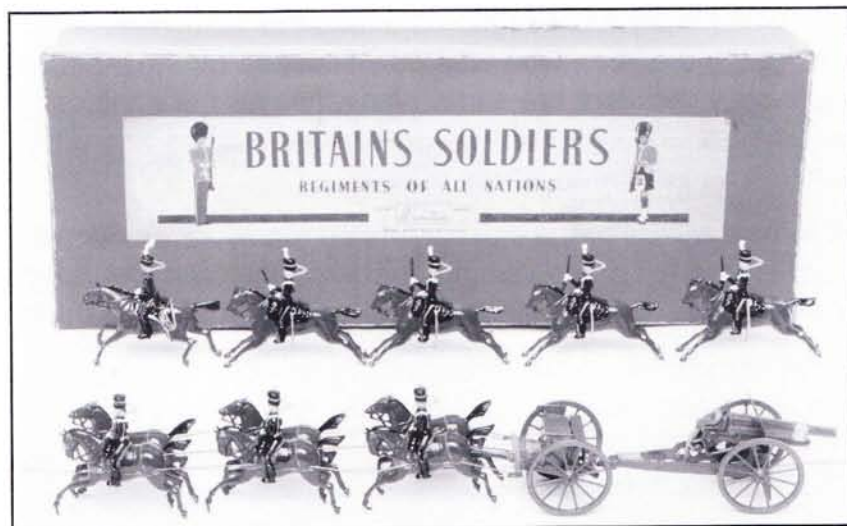


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Typical boxed set, 1931-40. This size box was used from 1906 onwards when the separately mounted escort replaced the seated gunners.

Early post war set (c. 1948), with officer still on the pre-war horse and using the pre-war size box. The earliest variants adopted a more detailed pre war style paint finish, including painted in reins and muzzles on the horses (not shown on this example).



The standard post war set, with officer on the "Indian" horse and in the larger box used to display the unassembled escort. The "H" form traces used to clip the team together can be clearly seen.



# Britains Royal Horse Artillery: Variations on a Theme (cont.)

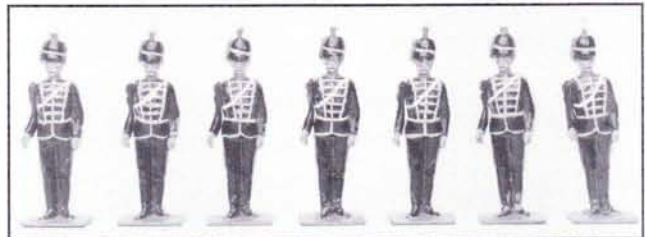
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**Table 2 Other Variations of Sets 39 and 39A**

Set no.	Variant	date of introduction	distinctive features
39	Traces	1896	Twisted wire
39 & 39A	Traces	1916	Single strand wire traces
39 (9419)	Traces	1952	"H" form clip on traces
39	Paint finish for gun & limber	1906	Light grey
39 & 39A?	Paint finish for gun & limber	1914	Khaki
39 & 39A	Paint finish for gun & limber	1916	Fumed metal
39 & 39A	Paint finish for gun & limber	1923?	Grey
39 & 39A	Paint finish for gun & limber	1931	Khaki (new gun & limber)
39 & 39A	Paint finish for gun & limber	1933?	Green
39 & 39A	Paint finish for gun & limber	1940	Khaki?
39 & 39A	Paint finish for gun & limber	1948	Khaki
39 & 39A	Paint finish for gun & limber	1952	Khaki?
39 & 39A	Paint finish for gun & limber	1955	Khaki?
39 & 39A	Paint finish for gun & limber	1959	Green
39	Head casting for escort	1906	Small head, dated horse
39	Head casting for escort	1916?	Large head, dated horse
39	Head casting for escort	1923?	Large head, undated horse
39 & 39A	Carbine arm	1906	Short, dated horse
39 & 39A	Carbine arm	1916	Long, dated horse
39 & 39A	Carbine arm	1923?	Long, undated horse
39 & 39A	Carbine arm	Special order	Empty handed
1339	Escort	1933	Standard, peak caps
1339	Escort	1940	Steel helmets, officer on ADC horse
1339	Escort	1941	Steel helmets, troopers on galloping horses, officer on head up trotting horse
1339	Escort	1948?	Peak caps, troopers on galloping horses, fixed arm officer



One of the escort from the "special order" set shown in the previous photograph, together with a similar figure in service dress and a trumpeter, in post war paint style (unfortunately on a tail-less horse!).



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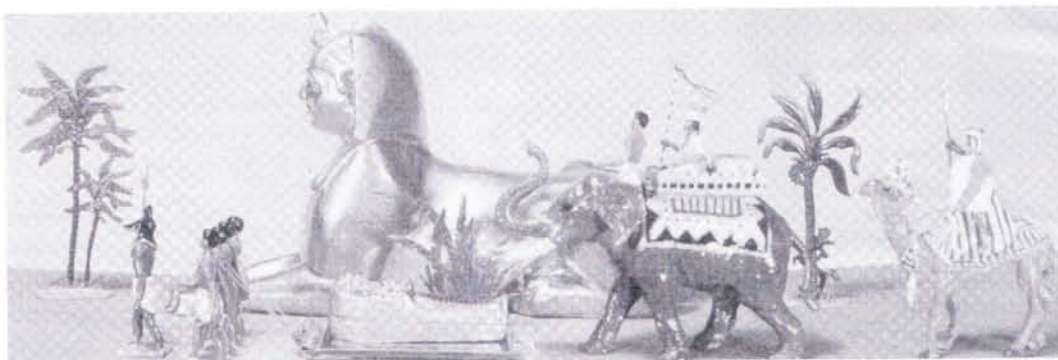
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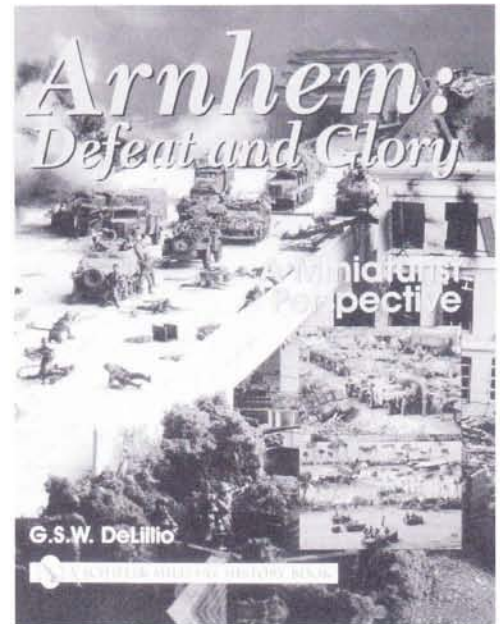
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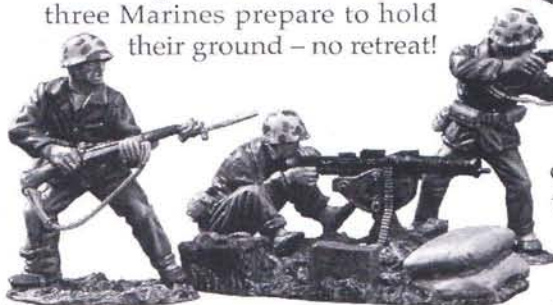
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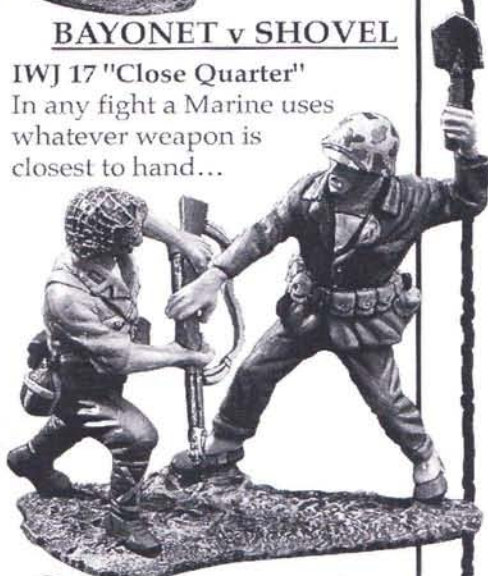
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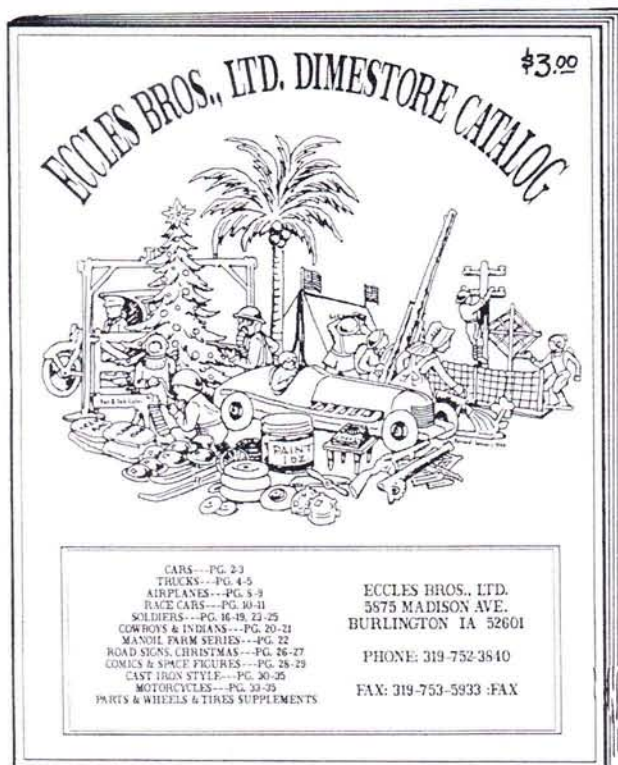
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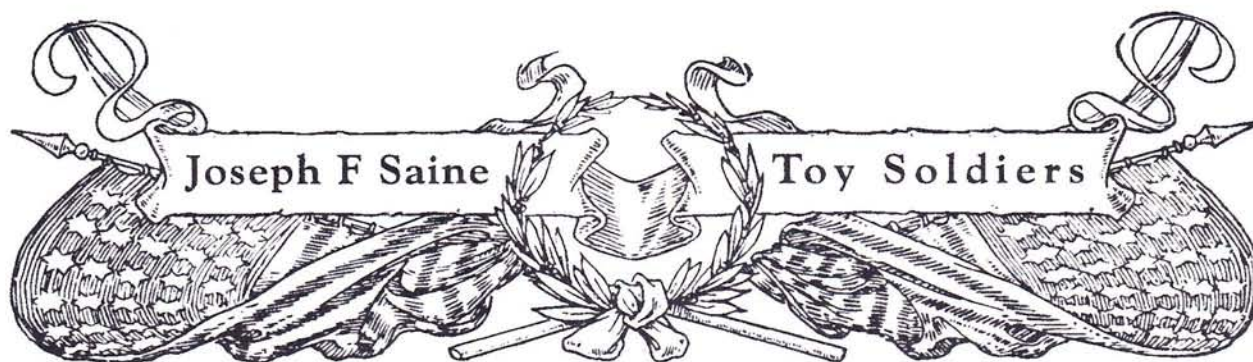
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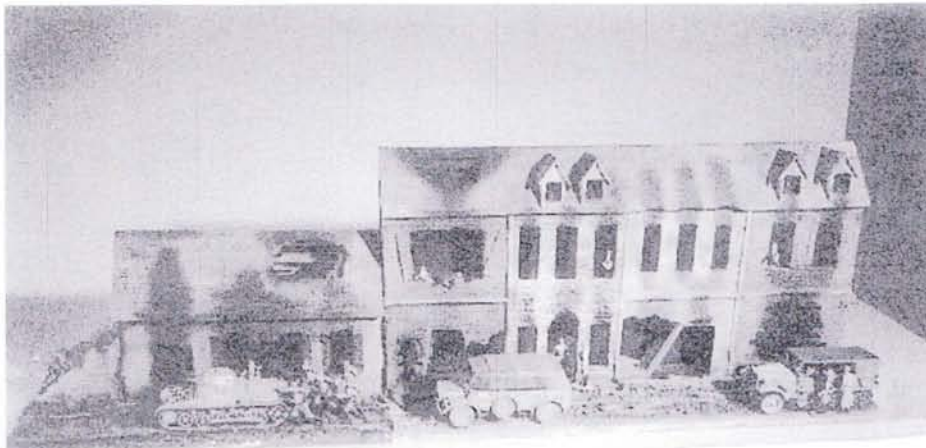
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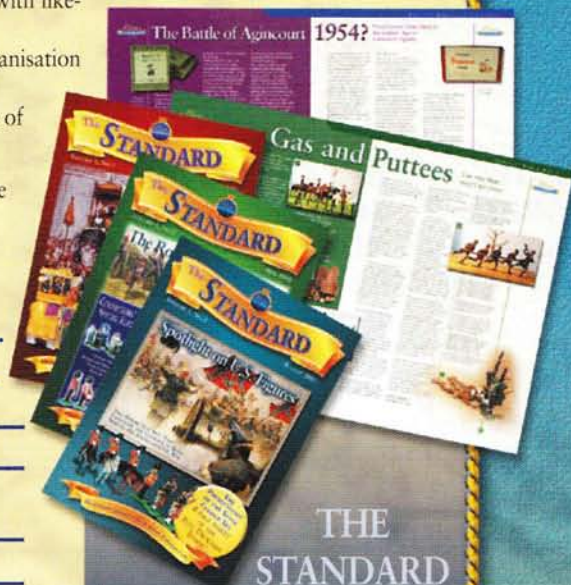
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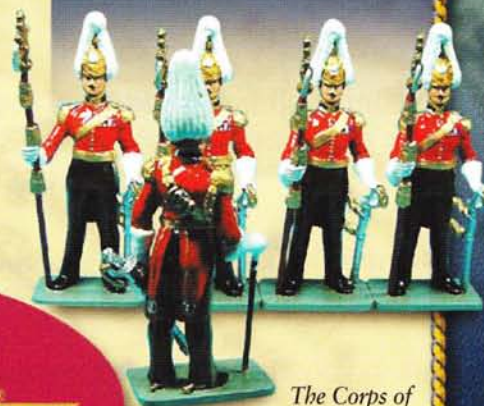
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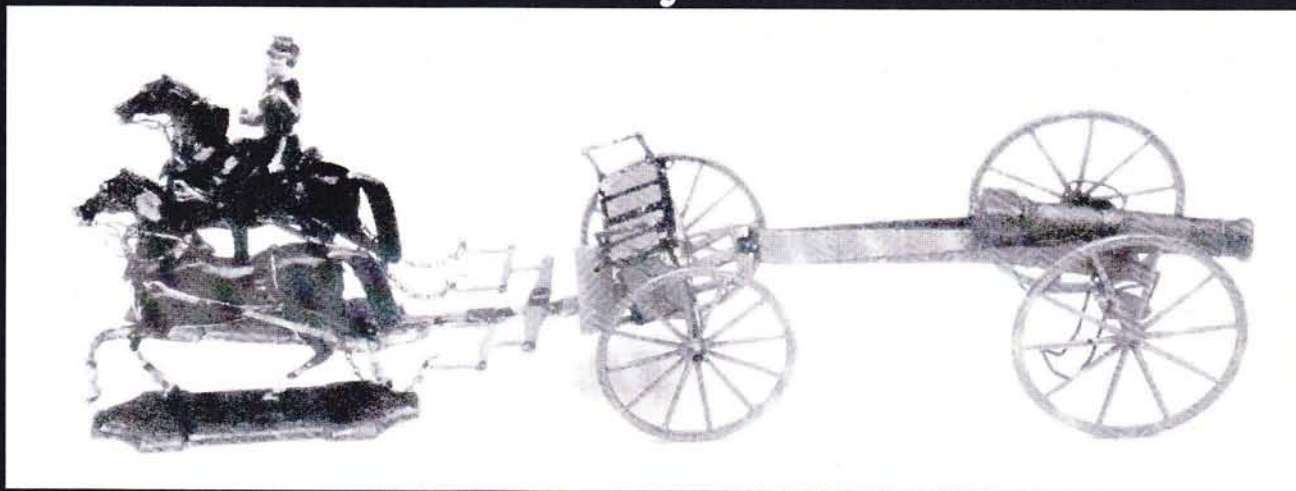
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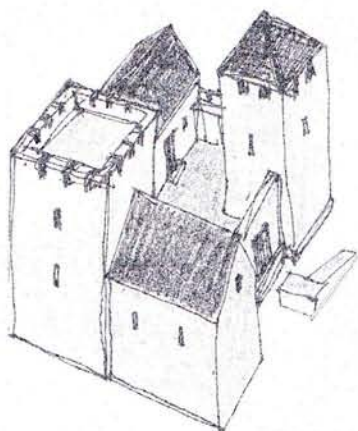
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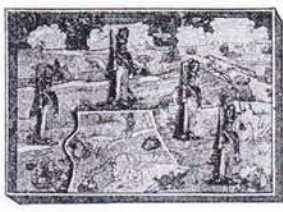



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Another Shackman's catalog has turned up, this one No. 70, from 1932-1933. I didn't have much hope before I bought it that it would have anything significant re Barclay, and it doesn't much, but it did furnish a surprise. I never expected to find anything regarding Soljertoys.

The cadets shown on this page look like Soljertoys, and the listings in the 43/400 series seemed like Soljertoys, too. But the cadets and the listings are so generic, they were frustratingly vague. Then I noticed the background in the box of cadets (43/403). It looked very familiar. I checked the top left photo on page 55 of "Collecting American-Made Toy Soldiers", and there the background was, in another box of Soljertoys. Anyone owning a copy of my "Collecting Toys", fourth edition, can see an even clearer picture in the color pages.

Essentially, what all this (43/411 in the listing) does is confirm that Soljertoys and Pearlytoys did make the knight I show on page 58 as SO18,

which is marked (two words) "Pearly Toys". Further, that a mounted knight, with moving arm, was definitely produced by Soljertoys (which started about January, 1930) and probably by Pearlytoys as well. Now, how about someone finding that mounted knight?

As for Barclay, the only items from that company are soldiers, just seven of them, from the 51 series, and nothing I haven't seen listed before. But in this catalog, unlike the one I cited in my last report, the prices here are all wholesale, not retail. Thus, a dozen Barclays selling for eighty-five cents suggests they were probably retailed at a dime apiece. However, this being the Depression, it could be they sold for eight or nine cents each, at least in some stores. Just a few years later, the much larger Barclays were selling for just a nickel. Just one word of caution to any newcomers, those illustrations of 51/126 and 51/129 are not Barclays, they're generic drawings used by Shackman long before Barclay came on the scene.

Catalogs by American toy soldier companies are excruciatingly hard to find. A long-time want of mine was a 1941 Auburn Rubber catalog, but I had little hope it would turn up. But one day, on eBay, it did! Like all the Auburn catalogs found so far (1936, 1937, 1940 and now 1941), it's in full color. Twelve pages long, it introduces a number of toys, including eleven soldiers and three ships. Well, it may introduce a twelfth soldier, but more on that later.

Learning the numbers assigned to soldiers is often helpful, as it gives us an idea as to when they were produced. In this case, I knew beforehand they all came out in early 1941, but it's still fun to see just what the numbers are, and in this case, what they each retailed for.

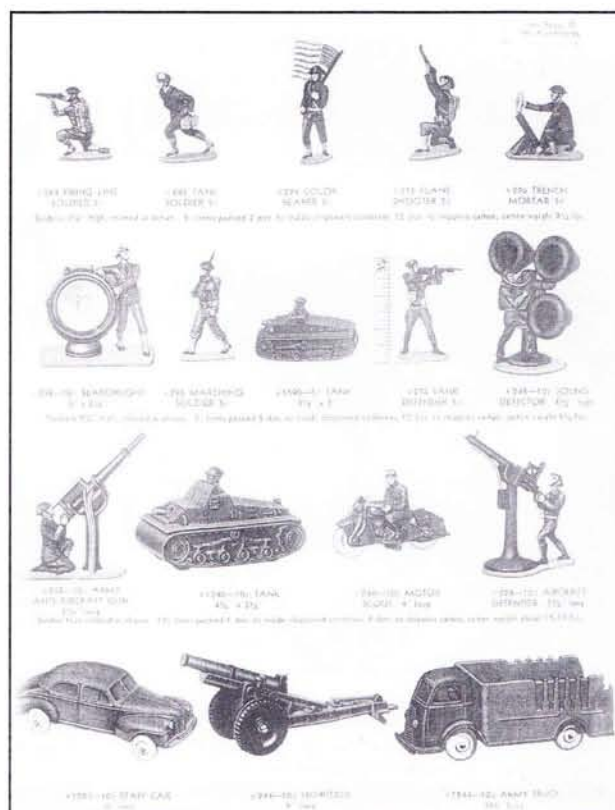


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## BARCLAY, SOLJERTOYS AND AUBURN

I'll list them in numerical order, with their Auburn description, their price and my coding following: 228 Aircraft Defender, 10 cents (A25); 248 Sound Detector, 10 cents (A30); 272 Plane Shooter, 5 cents (A29); 274 Tank Defender, 5 cents (A33); 284 Firing Line Soldier, 5 cents (A28); 286 Marching Soldier, 5 cents (A27); 288 Motor Scout, 10 cents (A36); 292 Tank Soldier, 5 cents (A34); 294 Color Bearer, 5 cents (A26); 296 Trench Mortar, 5 cents (A32); and 298 Searchlight, 10 cents (A31).

I'd found a couple of those numbers in a Playthings magazine years ago, and couldn't figure out the jump so far from the previously known Auburn number 268. I can explain it now somewhat, but only by including Auburn carelessness. 228 was an open number not used since the 1936 Ethiopian Chief. 248 was also open. 272 and 274 represent a small jump, and then 284 through 298 are missing only #290. Could that be my long-sought-after running "pilot"? Maybe, but I'm betting more on 300, as I suspect it was issued much later in the year, perhaps not until 1942, and perhaps only in a large boxed Aviation set.



1941 Auburn Rubber Catalog page

Also new in the catalog are 1584 Submarine (5 cents); 1588 Dreadnaught (10 cents) and 1592 Freighter (10 cents). A 1500 series, right? And so it should have been, but 1940s 1582 Battleship is numbered (in the two places it's mentioned) 582, another example, I assume, of Auburn sloppiness.

Also new in 1941 was the number 121 Farm Wagon and Team. The "farmer" and his "wife" aren't listed individually, but in a large boxed set they're called "farmer man" and "milkmaid".

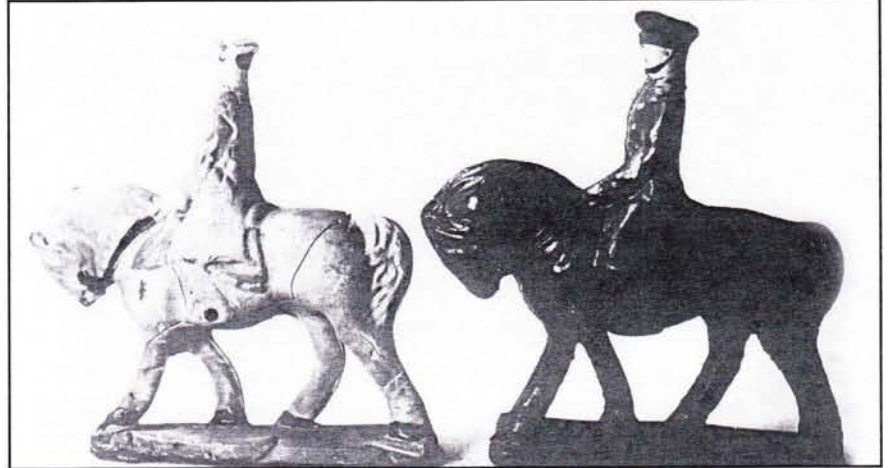
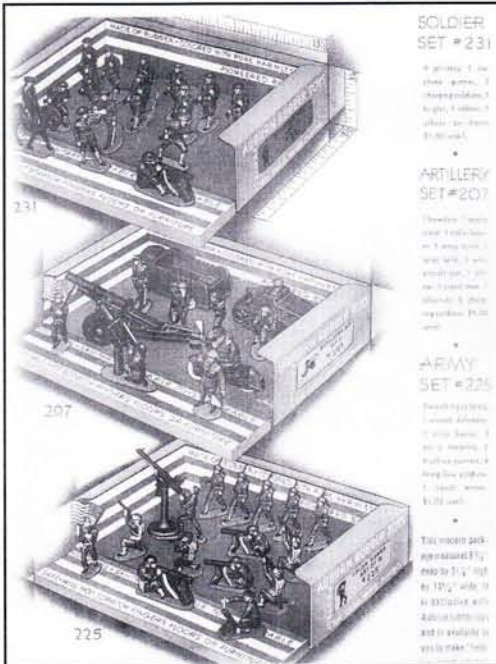
It took me two days before I noticed what seems to be a yet undiscovered Auburn soldier (see next page). It's actually shown in my book, on page 208, top left, and also at the bottom of the page, but apparently none of us ever noticed. Ironically, for years I'd been looking for this piece, or something like it. Auburn had made larger versions of its early soldiers, I'd reasoned, so why not the seated machine gunner? And here it is, apparently larger, and very different. It's in several of the boxed sets, including the two (231, 225) I've shown. Frustratingly, it can't be confirmed that this piece was ever produced, as I can't find a single photograph of it in any of the general catalogs on the period, and everything in this catalog is drawn. But the drawings are generally so accurate (and note the earlier machine gunners are also drawn in the 225 set, as they are in another set with both types on a separate catalog page). My guess is that it was made. If so, the biggest clue is to look for an ammo belt that slants toward the front of the gun, rather than back to the soldier. His head is also higher, and the piece in general appears to be larger.

Finally, still with Auburn, recently K. Warren Mitchell has been selling Don Pielin's collection. One piece that turned up seems to be one of a kind. It's the Auburn mounted officer in white, which alone makes it unique. But it's also a smaller size, just like its earliest foot-soldier brothers. I've long looked for another in this size, but with as little luck as I've had searching for a larger machine gunner.



# DIMESTORE UPDATES *by Richard O'Brien (cont.)*

## BARCLAY, SOLJERTOYS AND AUBURN



**Left:** 1941 Auburn Rubber Catalog page showing large size seated machine-gunner.

**Above:** Auburn Rubber Mounted Officer in White, recently offered by K. Warren Mitchell and formerly part of the Don Pielin collection

**Correction Volume 25, #4:** Richard O'Brien's Dimestore Update. The statement referring to "Broadway sheet" reproduced in the Barclay catalog book should have read Barclay sheet, not Broadway sheet. Apologies to Richard.

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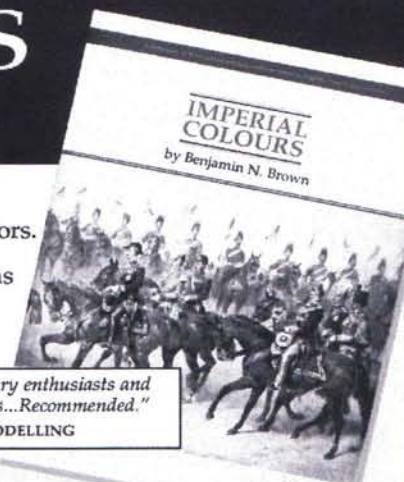
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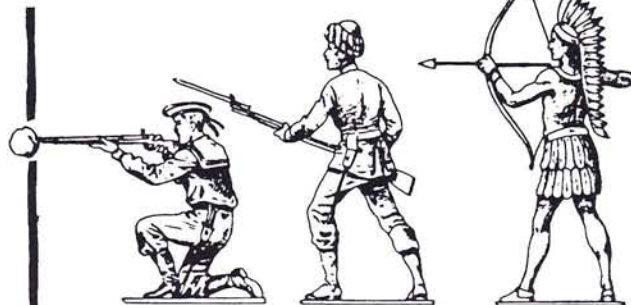
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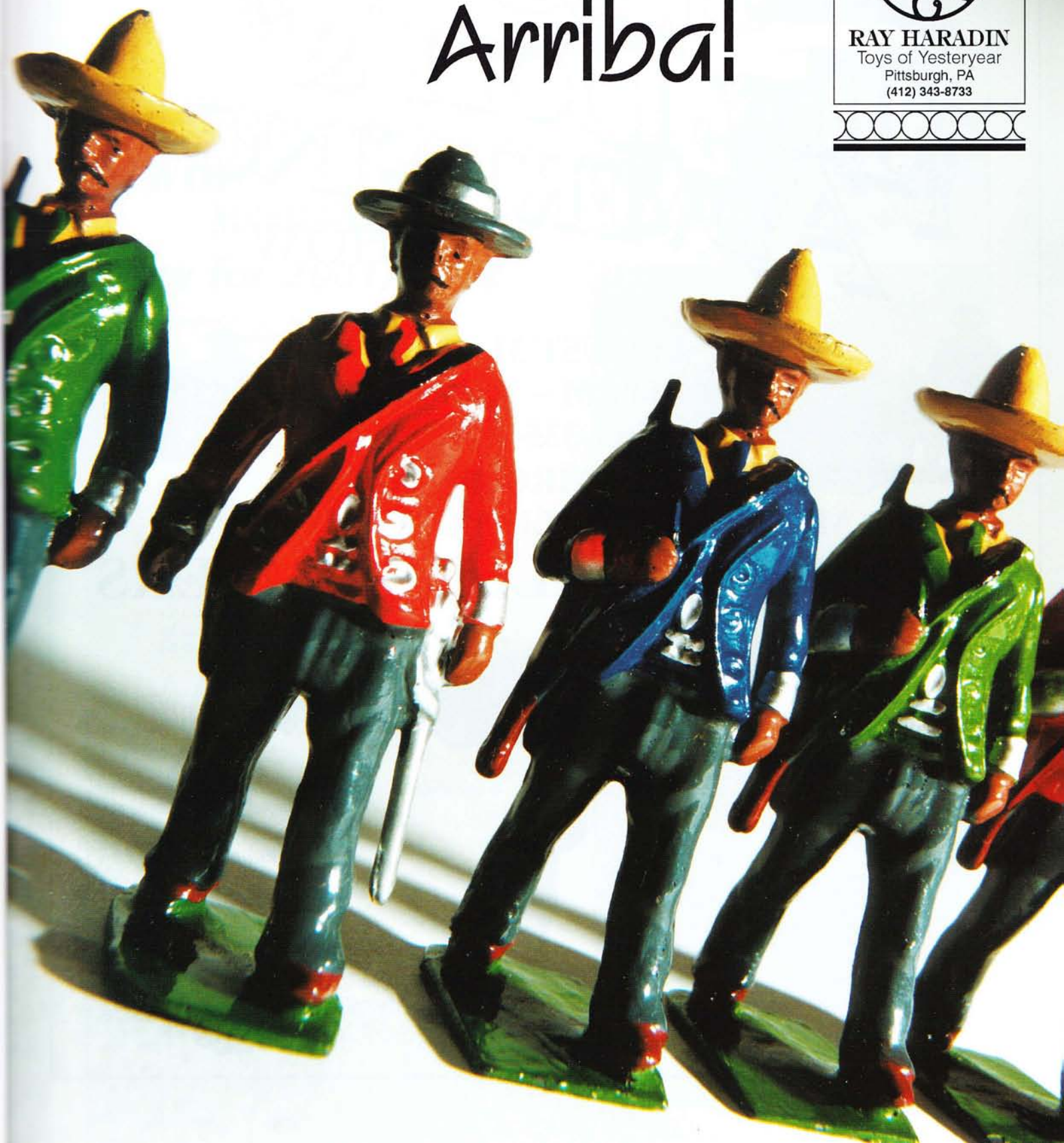
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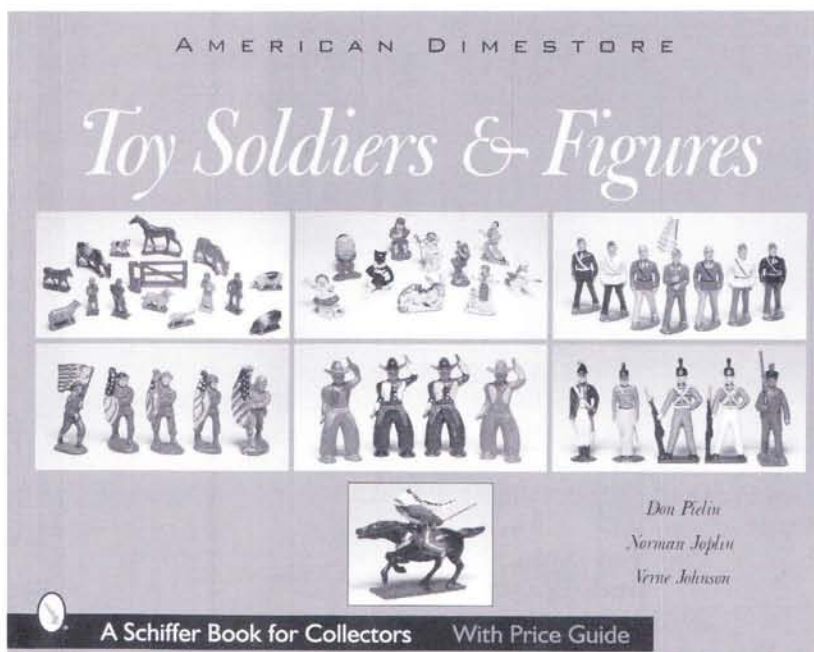
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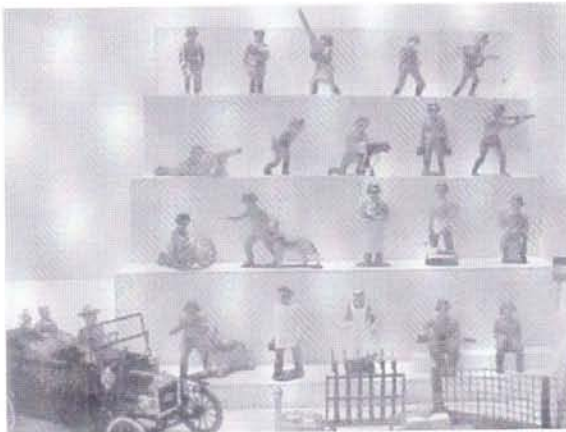
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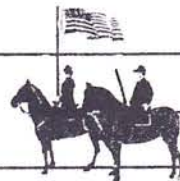
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# GOTTSCHALK FORTS SERIES UP-DATE

*by Allen Hickling*

Having articles published usually brings some sort of response from the readership. That is one of things that make all the effort worthwhile. In the case of articles which open up new territory, like my series on Moritz Gottschalk, they can create a flurry of new information.

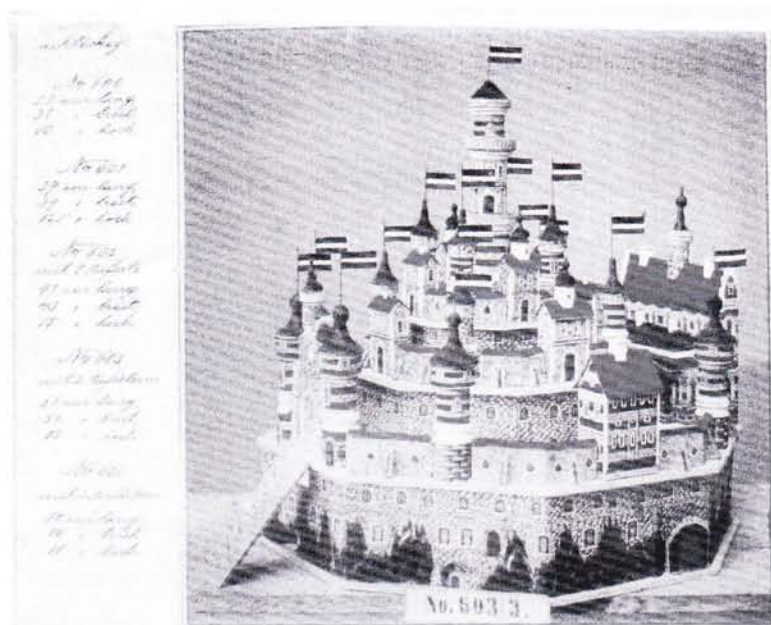
So, for example, just as I surmised in my first article, it seems that there were indeed Gottschalk 'fortresses' prior to the 2200 series which was the first mentioned by me. I now have it on good authority that there were a 500 series, a 600 series, and an 1800 series previous to that. What is more, there was also a 2700 series between the 2500 and 3200 series where the article ended. Unfortunately, there is little documentary evidence of these - no photographs, and only a page from the catalogue for the 600 series, probably dating from about 1875 **(1)**.

There were also two series between this and the 4700 series, where the second article began - the 3600 and 4000 series. Photos of these are available from Gottschalk's catalogues of 1904 **(2)** and 1907 **(3)**, which have been re-published recently.

Unsurprisingly there is more documentary evidence of their later series, and it seems unlikely that anything significant (in terms of toy forts) was produced between the 4700, 5200, 5500 and 5700 series on which my second and third articles were based.

**Acknowledgements:** This research would not have been possible without the help I have received from three of my correspondents: Marion Osborne from Nottingham, UK; Bernd Zimmermann from Berlin, Germany; and Arnold Mueller from Hameln, Germany. I am very grateful to them.

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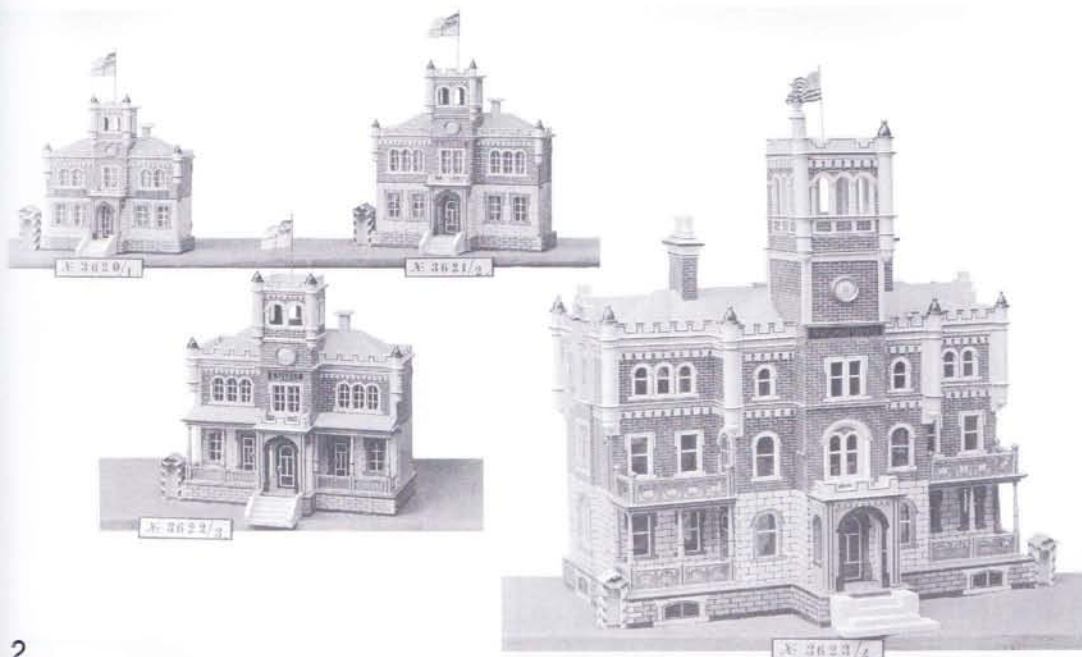
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A page from an early catalogue (c.1875?) covering the 600 series, and illustrating No. 603.



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by Allen Hickling



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Montz Gottschalk 1892 - 1931

2 Some of the 3600 series from the catalogue of 1904, including Nos. 3620-3623. Note that the largest fort flies the American flag and bears the sign "National Guard", whereas the others fly the German flag and carry the sign "Kaserne" (barracks).



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3 Examples of the 4000 series from the catalogue of 1907 including Nos. 4078-4081. Note the Gottschalk dollhouse heritage - the only 'fortress'-like characteristics are the sentry boxes in the garden and the flag on top!

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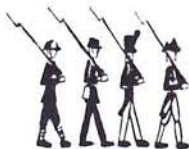


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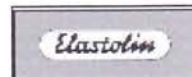


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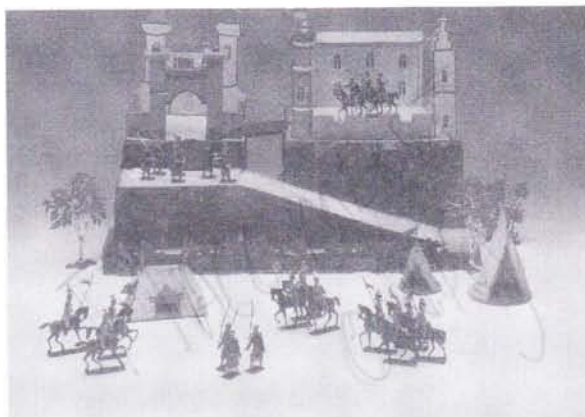
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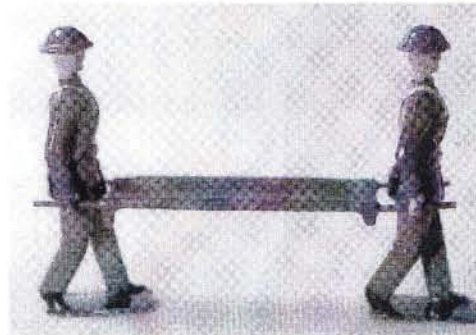
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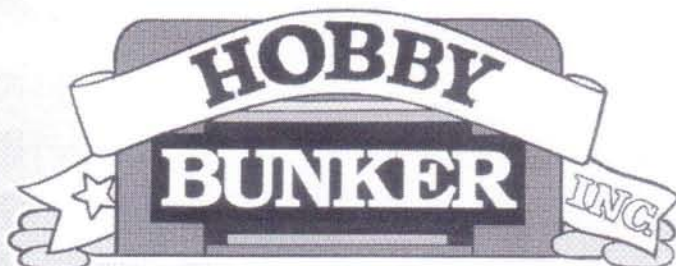
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