

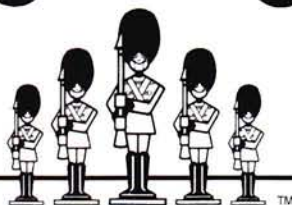
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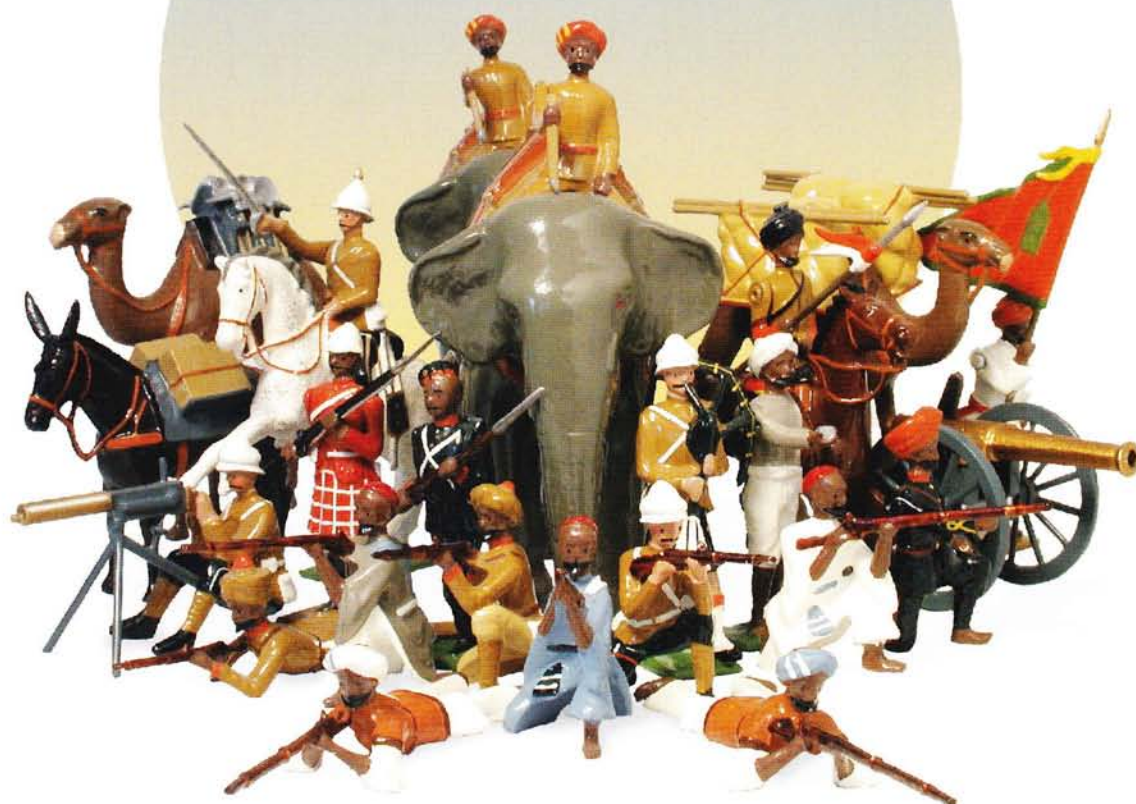


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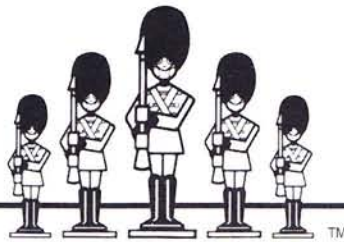
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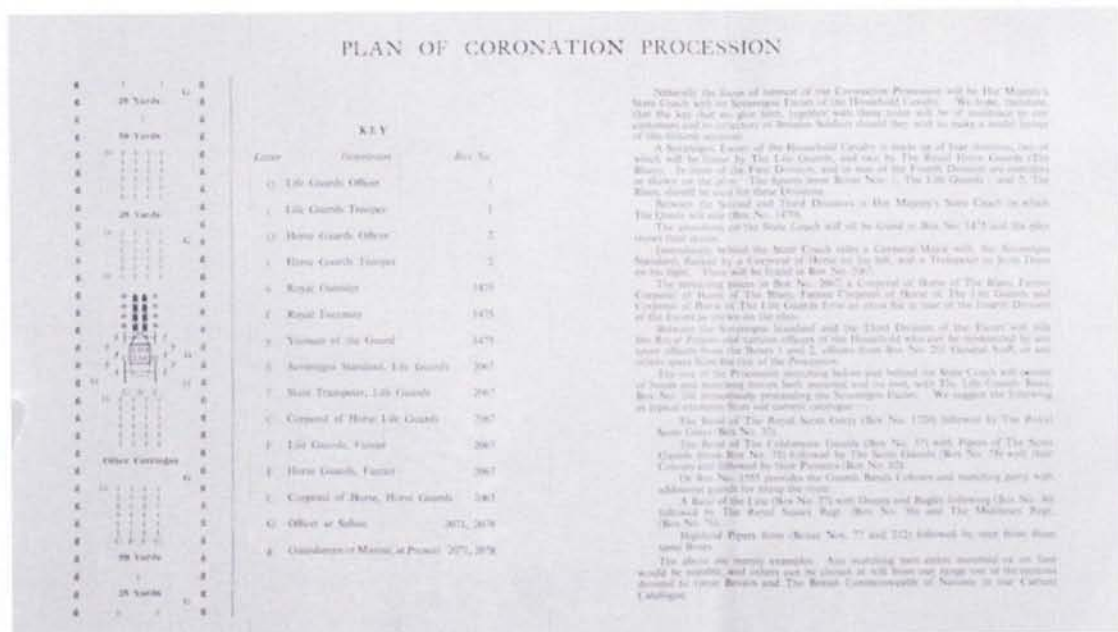
Jubilee, Royalty and Commemorative figures: by Will Beierwaltes

In 2002 Queen Elizabeth will celebrate 50 years since her accession to the throne of England with her Golden Jubilee. The Jubilee as a celebration of reign of royalty dates back to the ancient Egyptians and the Hebrews, when Jubilees were held every 50 years as a great national celebration

"The word Jubilee actually comes from the Hebrew word for a rams horn trumpet with which the jubilee year was announced – a 'yobel'" (reference #1). The Catholic Church also celebrates jubilees every 25 years as periods of forgiveness. The British monarchy has been celebrating the rare Golden 50 year Jubilee since George III. The next British monarch to achieve that longevity was Victoria. Elizabeth has celebrated both a silver (25 years) Jubilee in 1977 and now a Golden Jubilee in 2002.

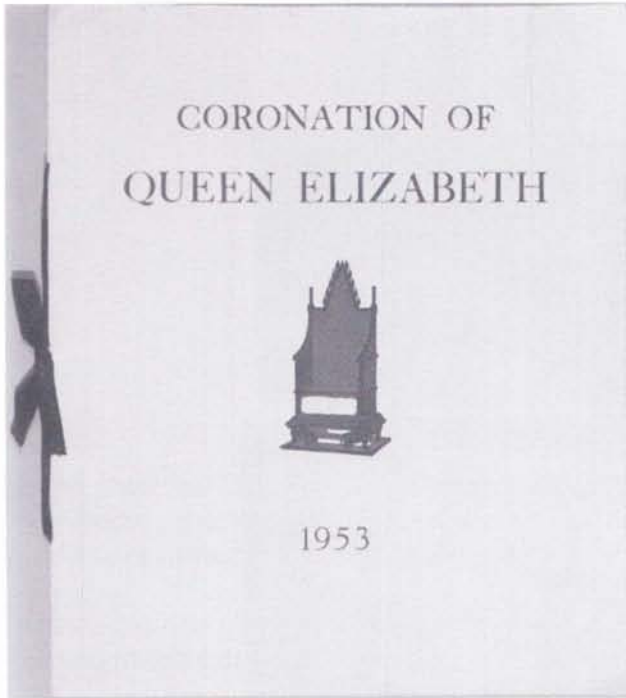
Since the restoration of Charles II in 1660, part of the celebration of Royal achievements or a Jubilee has been some sort of souvenir. These are most commonly coins, stamps, and even ceramics. While there were a number of Royalty pieces produced by different toy soldier makers earlier, it was not until the coronation of George VI that the souvenir market and the tie in by toy soldiers with the coronation and royalty really blossomed. This became even more pronounced with the coronation of Elizabeth in 1953, during the height of post-war revival by many of the British toy soldier makers. Britains even produced a special catalog (Edition 108) highlighting the proper formation of the coronation procession and illustrating sets from the main catalog to be used to reconstruct this event.

It also showed two souvenir pieces, 86D the Coronation chair and 44D, the miniature State Coach, first produced in 1937, but now released with the full complement of 8 horses. The '53 Coronation was perhaps the pinnacle of toy soldier tie-ins with such a celebration, and a number of these are illustrated with this article. Norman Joplin's new book on Britains civilian figures dedicates a wonderful chapter to the many and often unusual Royalty commemoratives, from figures to busts, produced by that company over the past 100 years.



Plan of Coronation Procession

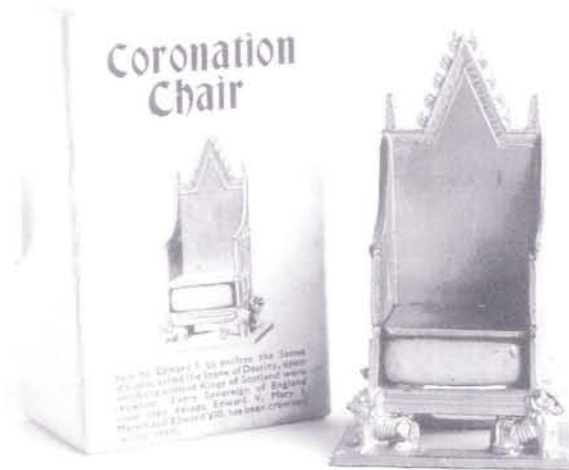
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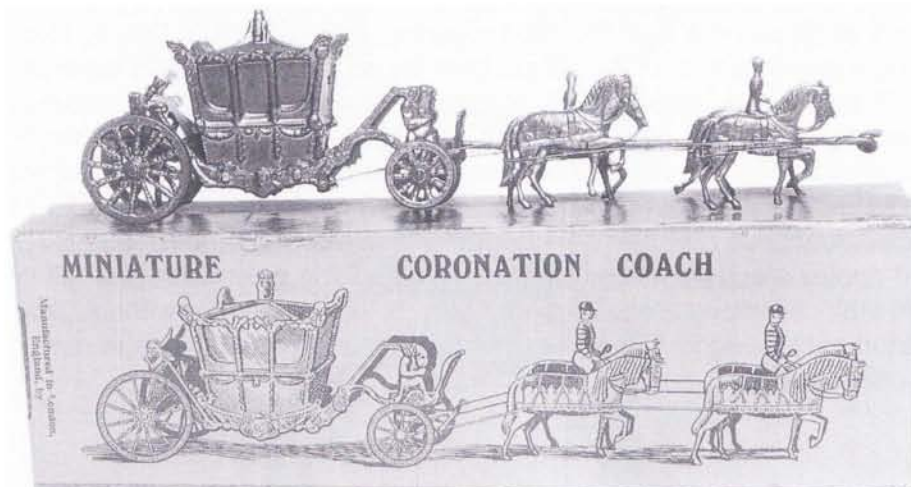
Cover of Britains 1953 Coronation



Letter which accompanied the 1953 Coronation Catalog



Britains Coronation Chair 44D with original box.



Souvenir Miniature Coronation Coach - Pre-War for horse version. Issued in 1953 with eight horses.

Jubilee, Royalty and Commemorative figures (*con't*)



Britains 1977 Silver Jubilee set with special packaging.

Since the Coronation, there have only been 2 major events which stimulated interest in souvenir items. The Silver Jubilee was noted by Britains with only a re-packaging of their 6 plastic guardsmen in a box with the Queen and Prince Regent pictured on its header card. This set contained six new metal models from the range first produced in 1973.

The best Silver Jubilee toy soldiers were a pair of sets produced by Blenheim of Wales depicting the Coronation with Elizabeth sitting on the throne and her family and several personalities of the Coronation (see illustration in Royalty in Robes article this issue). This delightful set found only a limited market among new toy soldier collectors of the time, and did not sell particularly well in the US. Within months after the jubilee celebration, unsold stock was being sold off by retailers at near give-away prices. Not so today.

The second major event of Royal note was the 1981 wedding of Charles and Diana. This inspired enormous interest world wide, and a plethora of souvenir items from plates and tins to dolls were produced in honor of the beautiful fairy tale Diana and her ascension to the title of princess. However, remarkably only two toy soldier-related items were produced in 1981 as tie-ins with this event. The first was the Royal engagement set by Blenheim depicting Charles in a red military waistcoat and Diana in a black strapless evening gown, both placed on a single gold-edged oval base. The other was a depiction of the wedding couple produced by the author in very limited quantities (25) and sold exclusively at the September 1981 OTSN show in Chicago. This signed and dated duplex piece illustrated Diana in her wedding gown with Charles in the blue uniform and regalia he wore in their ceremony. Several other figures of Diana with or without Charles have been found, though not related to the wedding or other celebrations, and geared more to her enormous popularity than any range or issue of figures.

Jubilee, Royalty and Commemorative figures (*con't*)



Princess Diana and Prince Charles. Blenheim (left) and Will Beierwaltes limited edition set.

As we enter the Golden Jubilee year of the reign of Elizabeth, it will be interesting to see what if anything is produced by the many toy soldier makers currently populating the hobby as celebration pieces. (See New products reviewed in this issue)

Britains Ltd has planned a small procession set exclusively for their collectors club over 2002-3, centered by the Lord Mayor's coach, but notably missing any Royals or personalities of note; a really squandered opportunity.

While often not good sellers in the hobby, these collectable figures have enormous cross-over appeal with royalty collectors, and they often take on increased value after the fact as many of the pieces illustrated here or listed above have proven.

1. Reference: internet "The Queen's Golden Jubilee" Web Site. Accession and Coronation.
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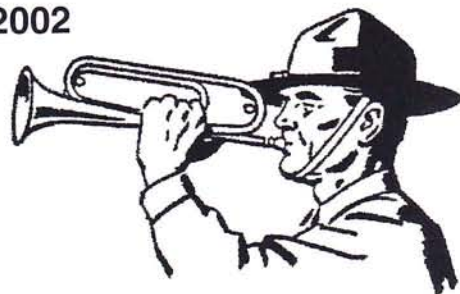
2. London Illustrated Times "The book of the Coronation" Great book, 1953, London Illustrated Times, London.



DIMESTORE BREAKFAST – O.T.S. SHOW CHICAGO 2002

Charlie O'Brien is again organizing The Dimestore Breakfast during the annual OTS show in Chicago.

The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday September 21, 2002 - 8:00 am and 9:30 am in the Woodfield Conference Room of the Hyatt Regency , Schaumburg , Illinois.



Guest speakers will be Bud Born and Stan Alekna, A limited production commemorative figure produced by Ron Eccles will again be available (details to be announced).

Cost of admission is \$25 and includes a Hot Buffet Breakfast
Further details are available from Charlie, Telephone evenings/
weekends (215) 517 5963 or by email charlie_o_brien@hotmail.com

WILLIAM BRITAINS COLLECTORS CLUB GOLDEN JUBILEE MEMBERS DINNER

Lynn Kenwood ,William Britains Collectors Club organizer has announced details of The William Britains Collectors Club Golden Jubilee Members Dinner to be held at London's Imperial War Museum on Thursday December 5, 2002.

There will be a special limited edition figure available for those attending.

For further information contact The William Britains collectors club. PO Box32. Wokingham, England RG40.4XZ. Telephone UK (44)1189 733947.

See the William Britains Collectors Club advertisement in this issue of OTS.

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Neil can be contacted by telephone on (202) 546 2201 or via email Toysoldiermaker@msn.com

WATERLOO GALLERIES. NEW OWNERSHIP.

Doug McClure of Medina Ohio has purchased the Waterloo Galleries line of figures and will be reissuing many of that companies products.

Of special significance is the re release of the Waterloo Gallery Napolionic series.

For further details contact Doug at PO Box 17. Medina. Ohio 44258-0017 or by email dmclure@apk.net

S&S MINIATURES

Lynn Kenwood of the Guards Toy Soldier Centre,Birdcage Walk ,London has assumed ownership of S&S Miniatures formally owned by Dave Sparrow.

The line consists of high quality New Toy Soldiers.

For further information contact mkl@mkmodels.com or see the advertisement for the Guards Toy Soldier Centre in this issue.

PLASTIC WARRIOR MAGAZINE

Advertised as the Premier Magazine for collectors of old and new plastic figures, this UK based magazine recently published it's 90th issue.

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LORD OF THE RINGS COMPETITION

Britains – Racing Champions Lord of the Rings competition winner drawn at the recent British Toy Soldier and Figure show in London was Mr George Hing of Boling Springs Pennsylvania.

Mr Hing will receive directly from Britains – Racing Champions his prize of a set of three Lord of the Rings figures as announced in Volume 25 # 4 of Old Toy Soldier.

O T S has over the past 25 years published a number of Royalty/ Coronation related articles, many of which are being updated or enhanced in this special Jubilee issue.

Volume 8 # 6	Madame Tussauds Souvenirs. Arnold Rolak and Joanne Ruddell
Volume 9 # 3	Marx Plastic Royalty. Gary Linden.
Volume 10 # 1	Queen Elizabeth : Colonel-in –Chief. Will Beierwaltes.
Volume 11 # 3	Courtenay King George 5th and Queen Mary. Peter Greenhill.
Volume 14 # 1	Barclay Coronation Coach. Don Pielin.
Volume 14 # 4 & 5	Royal State Coach of England. Will Beierwaltes.
Volume 17 # 3	Sovereigns Birthday Parade. Ed W Fitzgerald.
Volume 17 # 4	Britains Centenary Dinner HM Queen Figure. Steve Sommers.

Copies of these back issues are available from OTS – See details on overleaf.

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SHOW REPORTS

INDIANAPOLIS SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2002 SHERATON INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

By Norman Joplin

Joe Saine took on the mantle of Show Organiser for this event, while Barry Carter was in attendance to promote the date for his 2003 'INDY' Show.

35 Toy Soldier and figure dealers graced 73 tables, with minimal pre show room trading activity the previous evening.

Wisconsin Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois all provide participants.

Nick Albanese -Camp Randall Miniatures, and Rick Thomas of Adventure Games Plus Hobbies and Toys both from the Milwaukee Wisconsin area informed OTS of their growing band of Toy Soldier enthusiasts in that area. M.M.M.M. (Milwaukee Military Miniature Mavericks) meet on a monthly basis at Mayfair Mall, Milwaukee. Nick and Rick would welcome collectors from the area to join them. Details from Rick at (262) 548 9177.

Paul Hermann runs the Toy Soldier Shoppe in Waukesha, Wisconsin carrying a wide range of new Toy Soldiers, assisted by Carl and Pat Charles. Paul's display was quite outstanding.

Kentucky collector Jeff Caufield was busy buying and adding to his Britains collection as well as disposing of some residue, Gary and Sue Miller also from Kentucky, as always displayed a wide and varied selection of pristine condition Britains Military. Completing the Kentucky attendees was Ted Deddens with the Tedtoys Civil War range and Monarch Samurai figures.

Kay and Buzz Thorpe import the Hiriart line from South America and were pleased to show OTS their best and most popular selling set-The Yeoman of the Guard, Tower of London set complete with Tower Ravens.

K Warren Mitchell showed up with his now famous box of "odds and ends" Bob Hornung had son Matt on hand to display the Hornungart line, and was joined by fellow Ohio residents Doug McClure and Rod Chapman both of whom are show promoters.

Michael Mattimore, also from Ohio, was offering an eclectic mix of hollow cast figures, while on the neighboring table John Hazlett from West Virginia had an equally interesting selection of old Toy Soldiers.

Calvin Plowman from Apollo PA. Had a very impressive inventory of perfect condition Britains plastic Swopett, Deetail, etc.

The Pielin Brothers, Don and Dick always make the trip to Indy and enjoy searching the Antique Malls on their drive from Chicago.



Indianapolis 2002 show Promoter Joe Saine.



Buzz and Kay Thorpe with their best selling Hiriart set (see report)

SHOW REPORTS

RICHFIELD OHIO TOY SOLDIER SHOW

By Michael Mattimore

On Sunday, April 21st, toy soldier collectors and enthusiasts from all over the upper Midwest gathered at the 10th annual Ohio Toy Soldier Show & Sale in Richfield, OH. It's one of several smaller Midwest toy soldier events held throughout the year that serve collectors from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, southern Ontario & western Pennsylvania. The Ohio show is held each year in the ballroom of the Holiday Inn, Richfield, on Brecksville Road, very conveniently located just off the Ohio Turnpike, mid-way between Cleveland and Akron. Show organizer Doug McClure said that this year's show was completely sold out due to an encouragingly high dealer response. The ballroom contained 26 dealers at 60+ tables, displaying a wide variety of both new and vintage merchandise. Many well-known Midwest dealers were in attendance, including K. Warren Mitchell & Rod Chapman from central Ohio, Toledo's Joe Saine, Gail & Tony Teper of Cleveland's "The Toy Box," and John Hazlett from Wheeling, West Virginia. Also on hand was Frank Longstreth, with his impressive display of the Hiriart line from South America, and Cincinnati's own Bob Hornung, showing his meticulously crafted line of Medieval knights as well as his charming Heyde-style display sets. Overall, a wide range of contemporary and vintage figures were on offer, with a breakdown of about 30% new-production figures, 50% older figures & 20 % plastics. Dealers in all three areas felt that this year's sales were consistent with past years' shows. The lighting was excellent as always, something other shows would do well to emulate. All in attendance agreed that this year's event was another unqualified success, with lots of happy dealers and collectors well satisfied with the day's proceedings. Next year's show is set for May 18, 2003, at the same location. Further details on next years show may be obtained by calling Doug McClure at (330) 722-6751 or by emailing him at dmclure@apk.net.

Show report compiled by Michael Mattimore

WESTPOINT-EXETER D & J FAIRS, APRIL 14, 2002

By Philip Dean

ECLECTIC. Adjective. Selecting or employing individual elements from a variety of sources. You could be forgiven for thinking that this word was invented solely to describe the collectors fair organized by David Jowett and John Webb (D & J Fairs) held at the Westpoint Exhibition Centre, near Exeter, in the beautiful countryside of the West Country of England.

With a wide variety of goods on offer from aromatherapy and soap to cuddly toys, trains to tractors (yes, lots and lots of tractors!) you have to search for the figures, but keep looking, they are there, amongst the 350 tables of this very popular venue. Lead, composition or plastic, not in great quantity, but the quality is certainly there.

In all the fairs I have attended, the journey to Westpoint must rate as the most enjoyable I have ever taken. Driving through beautiful villages, with wonderful names, Whitchurch Canonicorum and Beer, (where, no doubt, Hank Sigourney would feel at home) driving over a river called Sid! Traveling from 5:30-7:00 am, with the sun coming up, through some of the most wonderful countryside anywhere and a collectors fair at the end of it. Does life get any better?

Within minutes of arrival I witnessed the sale of a beautiful Elastolin ark, still with the very delicate rudder, 18 animals and a model of Noah that could not be better sculpted by Michaelangelo, it was so good.

As always the rare (!!) village idiot could be found, two of them, including a rarer green version, which sold to a very happy farmer for £120-\$170. Behind glass on one stall were displayed a Charbens musical trio (£165-\$230) a Crescent childrens tea party (£195-\$275) and the Taylor & Barrett chimps tea party (£175-\$245)-I always found that the chimps were the better behaved party -but they were all guilty of, in the words of the stallholder, minor retouching!!

Britain's mammoth circus, retied in the original box, could change hands at £1450-\$2000.

There were almost enough football teams to fill England's Premiere League with 13 full, and different, teams on offer. The Sunderland team of 1904 had the original goalkeeper, both arms movable and the same shirt as the other team members (£750-\$1050) Moving onto that most British of pastimes, cricket, the rarer Britain cricketers were there in force at £160-\$225 each but discounted if you bought all 22!

A better than usual selection of Britain bands, a prewar RAF band at £260-\$365, and not one, but two of set 2110, the yellow jacketed US musicians available at £1500-\$2100 or £1750-\$2450.

To one very happy collector went a mint boxed set 2113, the Grenadier Guards Band from 1956. "The Coldstream band is fairly easy to come by, but the Grenadiers never seem to come up for sale" he said as he went happily on his way. Set 39, an early Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery and 145a, Army Ambulance in service dress are both there for the buying, making a very impressive display.

If motorbikes are for you, there were several early issue Britains plastic motorbikes, Afrika Corps, British Army and the US Army dispatch rider, all boxed, with the dispatch rider in the, hard to come by, early blister pack. But if you blinked you missed them as they weren't around for long.

Oh yes, most important of all, they did a great English breakfast-all day!

SHOW REPORTS

VALLEY FORGE CONVENTION CENTER, PA MAY 3RD AND 4TH 2002

By Norman Joplin

THE M.F.C.A SHOW CELEBRATED ITS 61st YEAR IN 2002.

The show starts Friday noon and continues through Saturday evening.

It is essentially a show of two parts, the vendors area and the exhibition and competition area.

The Vendors area accounts for around 75% of the floor space within the Convention Hall and is a Toy Soldier Show in its own right.

One Hundred and Eight dealers occupied Two Hundred and Fifty Vendor tables.

Lead, Plastic, Old and New Toy Soldiers were in abundance, G I Joe and similar action figures also seemed to be popular again.

The show attracts not only manufacturers and Dealers from the immediate East Coast catchment area, but those from further afield also.

Thomas Fink from Germany came armed with a massive inventory of German composition figures, Arnold Rolak of Texas was offering a number of very interesting sets of Britains Hollow Cast figures.

The show's list of participants really reads like a Who's Who of the Toy Soldier World as the following photo gallery will testify.

The Competition and Exhibition area is located off the main Vendors selling area, with tables set at "eye" height to enable close inspection of the intricate modeling and painting skills of those who have entered the various competitions.

Bill O'Brien of PA and Jim Hillestad of the Toy Soldier Cresco PA, both had entries in this area, with Jim taking the honor of winning the best New Toy Soldier section with his Bovington Fair exhibit, best Dimestore conversion went to Roger DuBois.

The Grand Master award went to Fletcher Clement and Rodrigo Chacon, with Best in Show to Christian Petit.

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Steve Balkin of Burlington Antique Toys NY.



Tom Scott- Florida, continues his search for Heyde.



Charlie O'Brien - Dimstore collector



Ron Ruddell London Bridge Collectors Toys. PA



Mr and Mrs Art Ward, Marshall's Creek PA.



Joe Wallis, Author of Armies of the World and Regiments of All Nations Britains reference books.

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Arnold Rolak – Texas shows a Britains Coronation display set.



Kathy Paul- Maryland, Grey Iron Expert.



Bud Born –Pennsylvania with his sales stand of Dimestores



John and Mary Rollins – Cape Cod.



Sandy Adcock. US agent for the Charles Biggs Premier line.



Alban Shaw (left) Retired MFCA show Organizer with Don Pauleson former owner of Woody's Word, now Mini Soldier Gazette.

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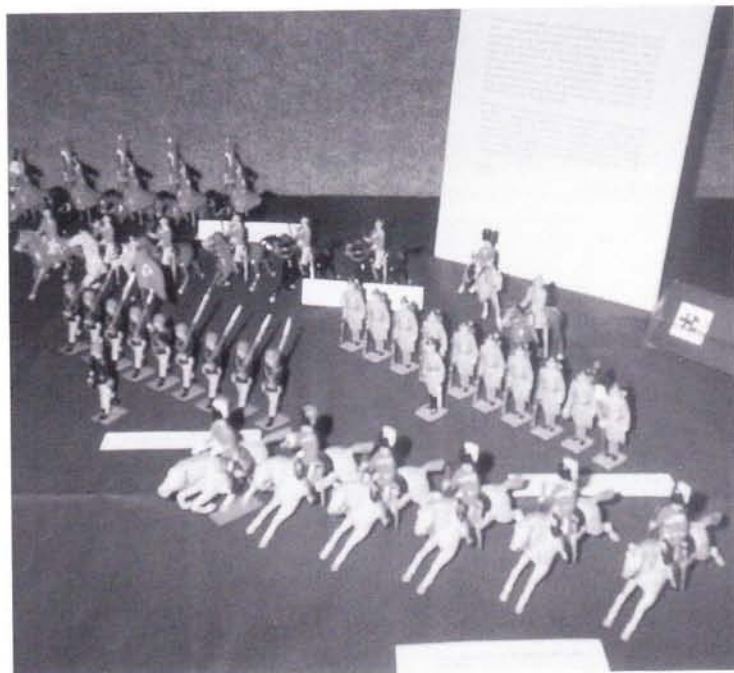
Ed Gries, NY Toy Soldier Show Promoter.



Neil Rhodes, Washington D.C. manning the William Hocker Booth.



Mike and Norene Rosso of Stroudsburg PA, Owners of Stockade Miniatures.



Competition Entry by Bill O'Brien- Britains conversions.
(to be featured in an upcoming OTS article.)



The MFCA Competition and Judging area.



Bill O'Brien . Yardley PA.

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BRITISH TOY SOLDIER AND FIGURE SHOW LEADING LEAD IN LONDON June 2002

For over a decade, the British Toy Soldier & Figure Show, founded by Norman Joplin, and continued now by Bryan Goodall's Vectis, attracts the cream of dealers and collectors from all over the world. If you have ever had the pleasure of staying at the Royal National Hotel in London you will appreciate that, never in a million years, can it ever be mistaken for a fairy castle. But on Saturday, 29th June, within its walls, were to be found wondrous things, the stuff of which dreams are made. (Well, figure collectors dreams anyway!)



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Debbie Cockerill
British Toy Soldier and Figure Show Organizer

Showcasing at the venue were two of the finest auctions for many years. Vectis (UK) 17th July and Bertoia (USA) 5th October. Between them both you could realize all your ambitions and dreams as they contain some of the rarest figures and sets you will probably ever see. Lead and plastic, civilian and military.

I spoke to one established dealer, asking what he thought of the display for the Bertoia auction. He replied "I glanced at it, but saw it was all new stuff so I wasn't interested"!! This collection was acquired with quality paramount and cost no object, no matter how rare, if it wasn't perfect it wasn't good enough. You could be forgiven for thinking it was new, it was that good!

The Vectis auction will have taken place by the time you are reading this. There were some great lead sets on offer, but, and I am not a "plastic" person, the best had to be the plastic, as some of the sets could convert even me. A superb farm set by Britains in a beautiful TRIANGULAR box, and set 5320 "The First Christmas" a very rare miniature nativity set by Herald in a wonderful conical shaped box. All in perfect condition, try and get the catalogues for both, the next best thing if you don't get the figures. They are great reference books.

SHOW REPORTS

BRITISH TOY SOLDIER AND FIGURE SHOW (con't)

OK, so none of this could actually be bought at the show, but what was available for sale is what makes this show the finest outside of the US and second only to Chicago.



Tim Ilinsky with daughter Victoria (right) and Bill Bertoia's daughter Lauren

Some exquisite soldiers changed hands. Regarded by many as one of the finest and most spectacular of Britains special paint sets, the 30 piece Band of the Royal Fusiliers, used by James Opie on the cover of one of his books found a proud new owner who was absolutely delighted with his new acquisition (despite the fact that it cost him "an arm and a leg") When asked if it was worth it, the response was "when will I ever see this set again? Rumor has it there was no room for his wife, as well, in their bed that night! She also knows the TRUE price he paid for the set. Come on, admit it, we sometimes don't tell the real truth about the cost!!

Sold by another dealer was a superb Royal Engineer special paint set, comprising a two wheeled limbered wagon and five piece escort in the new full dress uniform introduced just prior to WW2. It was once part of the Poitier-Smith collection.

Also selling at the show were an unlisted Britains set 2013 Indian Army Mountain Artillery in Review order and a previously unrecorded boxed set of Britains in a French retailer's box, possibly from just before the period when the Paris office actually started casting their own figures. Entitled "Composition no.2", it contained a somewhat bizarre mixture of Russian Cossacks, French Cuirassiers and Zouaves.

Amongst the non Britains items changing hands was a wooden boxed set, possibly by Heyde of "Zulus in Zululand" with lead native huts, scenic accessories and Zulus in fighting and peaceful poses.

SHOW REPORTS

BRITISH TOY SOLDIER AND FIGURE SHOW (con't)

David Stead and Alan Davies, two gentlemen from the North of England, always travel to the show by train complete with suitcases of goods for sale. Such is the quality and price of the things they sell, there are always people at their empty table waiting for them. Their arrival can be likened to the latest vendor arriving at a car boot sale with all eager to help them unpack so they can be first at the goods. Within minutes, anything plastic is dispersed to appear on other dealer tables with a new price tag. Then, slower, and more carefully the lead is unpacked, once again it was no disappointment. A Charbens hikers tent with three hikers, two Britains frogs, a Britains seagull, a boxed set of 101v petrol pumps (but boxed differently,) the small Father Christmas pencil sharpener by Britains, Four Britains gnomes and two small unpainted castings of the Britains guides, which soon found their way into my collection to compliment my guide and guider set. There were several Luntoy figures, all boxed, it just kept on coming. Most of the business done by Alan and David takes place in the first half hour of the show, leaving them plenty of time to enjoy the day.



David Stead (left) and Alan Davies

Over from Germany was Hans Henning Roer, author of "Old German Toy Soldiers" a wonderfully friendly man and a walking encyclopaedia. Also Gisbert Freber and Walter Badusche. The French were represented by Alexis Poliakoff and his beautiful wife. In from Sweden was German Nils Fischer and Christian Keller was over from Berlin for a few days for the show, he will be returning to the US soon. Dennis Fontana, author of "War Toys" had also made the trip. With Norman Joplin and James Opie also present, authors of figure books were certainly very much in evidence.

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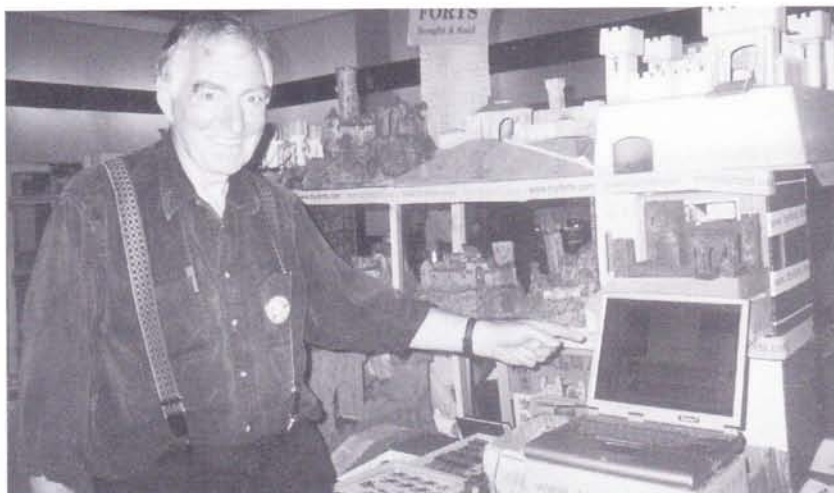
BRITISH TOY SOLDIER AND FIGURE SHOW (con't)

Every dealer, it seems, has that something special they keep for the show, and Ray Haradin was no exception, he was the seller of the Royal Fusiliers band. Not content with that, pride of place on his table was taken by the two Britains large size golfers, complete with bunkers and the green. In brilliant condition, they certainly attracted attention but, today, no buyers.

If the variety of figures was not enough then the mix of visitors is equally enjoyable, two of the nicest people I have met at the show have been Keith and Clare Camplin. Clare's father was Dennis Britain. They can usually be found adding to their own collection. Buying back the family silver? It must be tremendous to be part of the family that has given so much joy to so many people (of all ages) over the last 100 plus years.



Gisbert Freber - Germany
(left) Francois Beaumont - France



Allen Hickling with his Toy Forts Web Site



Author Dennis Fontana with his copy of OTS

At the London show it is always pleasant to meet old friends again, nowadays usually only at this show and the Barry Potter Sandown Fair, but it gives us seven good shows a year with all the better dealers in lead, plastic and composition, and with the recent influx of quality auctions it should be possible to go no more than a few weeks between events. For me, the shows have always been a great social event and the evenings are always memorable for the company, the food and the conversation. Nothing is quite like Chicago but this comes a close second, and as for me, so as to better compare the two, I shall see you at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield in September. All in the interests of journalism, you understand!

There are many ingredients that make for a good and successful show and this one has most of them, I can rate a show according to the numbers of "rare" idiots to be found - six at this show - and the quality of the breakfast - this one is good.

If you stay at the Royal National Hotel, look out for the room called "Norman"
I wonder, did they name it after him?

Words and pictures by Philip Dean

SHOW REPORTS

BRITISH TOY SOLDIER AND FIGURE SHOW JUNE 2002 PHOTO GALLERY

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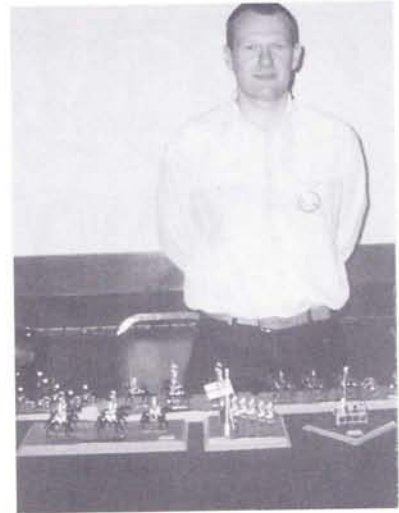
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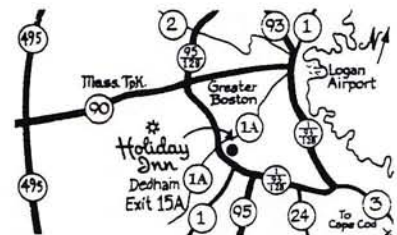
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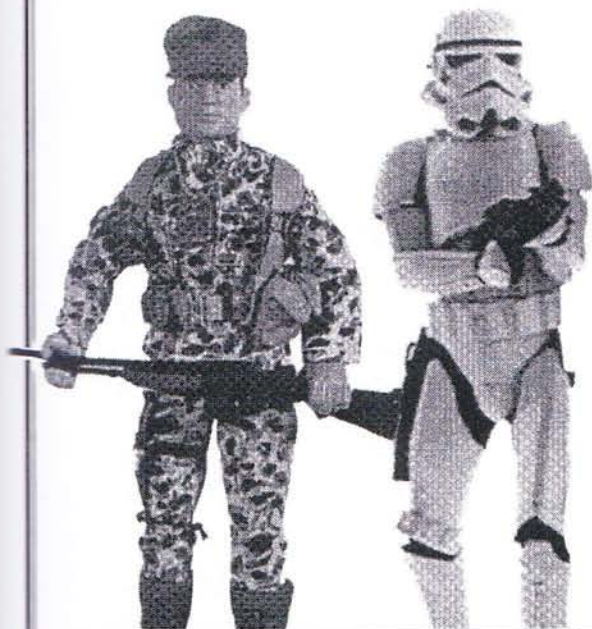
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The Honourable Corps Of Gentlemen At Arms

Britains Set # 2149

By Joe Wallis

This is the third and final in a trilogy of articles discussing the Royal Bodyguards of the British Monarchy. Until Charles II created the first Standing Army in 1661, the only permanent British military units were the Yeomen of the Guard (formed in 1485 by Henry VII), and the Gentlemen at Arms (raised by Henry VIII in 1509). The Royal Company of Archers assumed the role of Bodyguards to the British Monarch whenever the Sovereign visited Scotland by decree of King George IV in 1822. (For my previous article on the Scottish Archers, Set #2079, see Volume XV, Issue #4, pages 20-21; and for my article about the Yeomen of the Guard, Sets #1257 and #1475, see Volume XXII, Issue #1, pages 19-21.)

Even though the Yeomen's creation predates the Gentlemen at Arms by 24 years, the social rank of the latter unit conferred to them the status of being designated the "Nearest Guard". This means that the Gentlemen at Arms are the senior in precedence and entitled to be closest to the Sovereign at all ceremonies of State in England. (When the Monarch is in Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers assumes the status of the "Nearest Guard.") All three Bodyguards are now recruited from retired members of the Armed Services with distinguished records. While they are requested to parade on State Occasions to attend the Monarch, and the various Bodyguards receive relatively nominal pay, it is an honour to be a member of any of the three Bodyguard units. There are 87 Yeomen of the Guard, but only five officers and 27 Gentlemen serving in the Gentlemen at Arms. The five officers of the Corps are: the Captain, the Lieutenant, the Standard Bearer, the Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant, and the Harbinger. The last rank being one who traveled ahead to arrange lodging when the Gentlemen at Arms were required to travel with the King around England. Up until 1862, officers and members of the Corps could purchase their positions. After 1862, retired military officers with distinguished service records were appointed to the Corps of Gentlemen at Arms.

Formed in 1509 as the "Band of Gentlemen Pensioners," they were retitled the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms in 1834 by King William IV. Originally serving as a mounted escort to the King, the Gentlemen at Arms earned two battle honours: the Battle of the Spurs in 1513 and the Siege of Boulogne in 1544. About 1526, the unit was armed with battle axes when on foot, and spears when mounted. Their last battlefield service occurred during the English Civil War of 1642-1649, but they did guard St. James Palace (their headquarters) in 1848 when riots were feared during demonstrations by the Chartists for political reform. While they served at State Dinners and Royal Baptisms at one time, the duties of the Gentlemen at Arms now consist of attending such State Ceremonies as the Opening of Parliament, the investiture of a new Knight of the Garter, Coronations of a new Sovereign, and State Funerals of a deceased one. In addition, the Gentlemen at Arms stand near the Monarch at Diplomatic Receptions and State Visits. At George VI's Lying-in-State in 1952, four Gentlemen at Arms were posted at the corners of his coffin along with officers of the Scots Guards in a vigil. The entire Corps escorted his coffin during the Funeral Procession, and attended the Funeral Service at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.



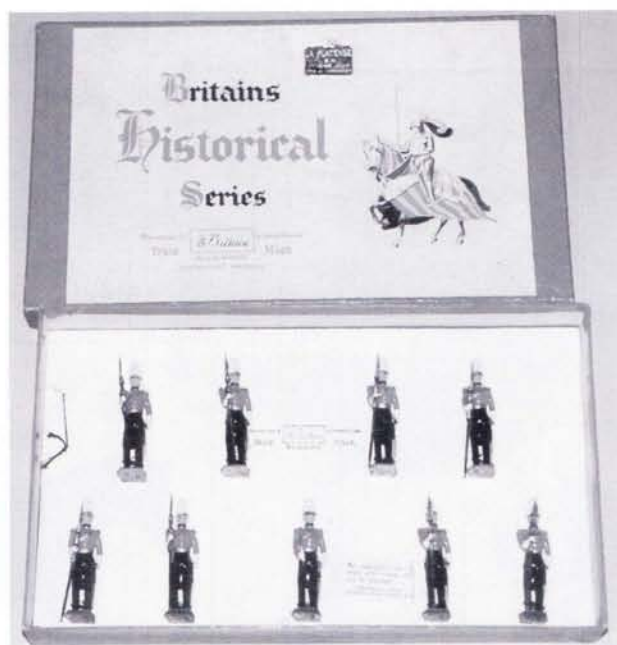
Gentlemen at Arms

The uniform of the Gentlemen at Arms has varied over the centuries, but about 1850 became standardized as that of an officer of the Dragoon Guards circa 1848. It consists of a red coatee with tails, gold colored metal helmet with a white plume, dark blue trousers with gold stripes; white gauntlets, gold collar, crossbelt, waist-belt, and epaulettes, and a silver sword scabbard.


In its 1957 New Lines List, Britains Ltd. introduced Set #2149 as a nine-piece set costing \$4.00 in the U.S.A. and 18 shillings 9 pence in the United Kingdom. An officer holding a stick of office and eight Gentlemen at Arms holding distinctive long battle axes in their right hands composed the set. The casting used was the officer from the Yeomen of the Guard (Set #1257), but with a different head and a different arm. The arm with its delicately designed halberd is diecast. The other major difference is the addition of a cartouche or pouch worn in the middle of the back. As with the Yeomen's officer, the casting employs a hexagonal base instead of the more usual rectangular one typically used by Britains Ltd.

Box #2149 was terminated after 1959 when the main Britains Catalog was truncated. The Gentlemen at Arms casting did not appear in any other offering besides Set #2149, consequently they are one of the more difficult post-war sets for collectors to acquire. The set was an interesting depiction of these Royal Bodyguards – unquestionably one of the most unique units of the World's Armed Forces.




Editor's Note: Britains have issued as part of their 2002/3 Jubilee Range a new Gentlemen at Arms Set - see new products in this issue.






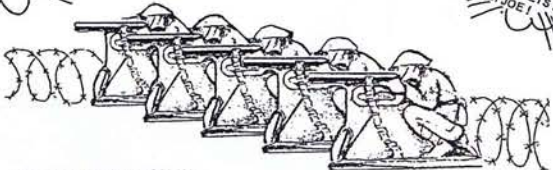
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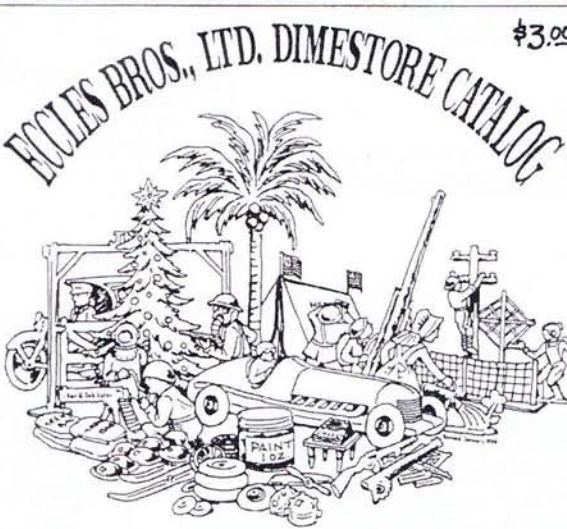
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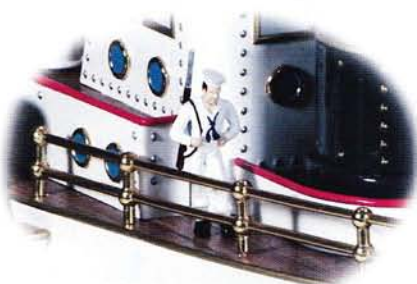
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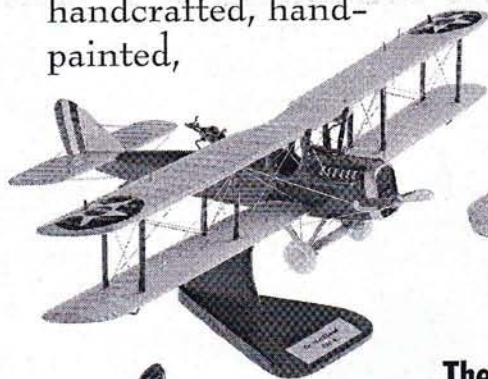
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The figures of Graham Farish Part I

The 1953 Coronation of Elizabeth II

By Will Beierwaltes

The most complete rendition of the 1953 celebration of the Coronation of Elizabeth in miniature was produced by the unlikely source of Graham Farish, today best known as an established British manufacturer of N-gauge model trains.

Little documentation exists regarding the Graham Farish line of figures in the early 1950's. However, it is highly likely that the eager anticipation of the June 2nd, 1953 Coronation of Queen Elizabeth, who had acceded to the crown almost 16 months earlier on Feb 6, 1952 after the death of her Father George VI, was the initiating factor. The impending Coronation with its numerous and timely commercial possibilities fueled this unlikely deviation by Graham Farish from their primary manufacturing interests.

This was no doubt also influenced by the newly generated post-war enthusiasm for fine military models, promoted by the American and British occupation forces discovery of the work of numerous continental military miniature artists such as Vertunni and Baldet. To produce such a line, they looked to a newly graduated art student who had successfully exhibited sculptural work on commission at the Cotswold Tradition festival. His name was Russell Gammage.

Russell Gammage had served in the Royal Navy during WWII but was given a medical discharged After the war he decided to follow his interests and became an art student, receiving a diploma of design in illustration and then continued to earn a diploma as an Art teacher. He was apparently talented, as while in school he made money doing commission work and free-lance art, and even received a grant for a year of studies in sculpture which led to his exhibit at Cotswold festival.



H.M. The Queen in Coronation Robes

After completing his studies, we was hired by Graham Farish to design and produce fine commercial model figures. It appears that production of the Graham Farish line of 54 mm figures began in 1952, though firm documentation of this has not been found. It is known that Mr. Gammage had an accomplice, at least at some point in the production of figures, a Lieutenant-Colonel J.B.R. Nicholson. It is possible that he served as a consultant on military decorum, but it has also suggested by John Garratt in his "Encyclopedia of Model Soldiers" that Nicholson sculpted some of the military figures produced in the post-coronation catalog (to be covered in part II of this article).

Mr. Jim Robinson, who purchased the Rose molds of Mr. Gammage, told me that in conversations with Gammage, he had attributed only the 25 Coronation figures to himself.



H.M. The Queen in Coronation Robes - rear view



H.M. The Queen in Coronation Robes showing the detailed paint finish.

Apparently Mr. Gammage eventually took over the complete management of the figure arm of the business for Graham Farish, possibly employing some of his art students in production, until the parent company decided to cease figure production. Again, the basis for the decision to discontinue the line of figures is not known, but it is quite possible that the waning interest of the tourist traffic after the Coronation was over probably diminished sales significantly.

This was undoubtedly tempered by the increased involvement of Farish in the Model Train business. It may also have been influenced by Russell Gammages departure. By the end of 1954, Russell Gammage had decided to go it alone and parted with Graham Farish. Production of the figures probably continued in some capacity for a short while, possibly under the guidance of Nicholson (see Part II of this article). However, Graham Farish destroyed the molds and patents (masters) in 1958 in a general house cleaning. Nicholson stayed involved in the hobby, sculpting for Tradition and other peripheral activities.

Gammage returned full time to his work in industrial design and continued to teach. However, the popularity of the work he had done with Graham Farish led to numerous requests for commission work. This finally led him back into modeling, and so he began a model soldier business in 1954, first with fine painted models, then expanding into the figure kit line (one of the first to do so), which became Rose Miniatures. He continued with the prolific line of Rose Miniatures until he retired in 1989. At that time he sold his molds to Jim Robinson and retired to seclusion in the south of France.

His work is still widely available in kit form as Rose miniatures, and provided the seeds for a more limited, assembled and painted line of figures in glossy toy-soldier style marketed as Fusilier miniatures (Rose/Fusilier, Littlehampton, West Sussex). However, The fusilier line no longer incorporates the Rose castings as they evolved with new original castings. Interestingly, the Rose molds have recently changed hands again, having been purchased by John Eden former owner of Marlborough.

Russell Gammage's work for Graham Farish is some of the finest commercial production of the very desirable toy soldier/military miniature hybrid of its era, ranking in quality with its peers of Vertunni, Courtenay and the like. The figures possess absolute uniformity in quality and style, or as described by John Garrett; "the characteristics of the models were sensibility, grace and impeccable craftsmanship." The source for many of the Coronation figures is the wonderful 1937 Coronation set of cigarette cards produced by John Player and Sons issued to commemorate the coronation of Elizabeth's father George VI.

Many of the Peers poses, color schemes and even catalog descriptions were taken directly from these cards and their album. Packaging was also premium, as each figure was screwed into a black plastic plinth with a small sticker name plate (which is almost always missing). The plinth was designed to fit snugly into one end of very attractive individual maroon leatherette boxes, holding the figure suspended inside, avoiding damage from contact.

As mentioned earlier, the primary catalog contains the 25 "personalities" or officers of precedence of the Coronation, focusing on the Queen and the many ceremonial figures involved in the pageant in Westminster Abby. The line was claimed to be carried "exclusively" (but not completely) in the United States by Corr's of Washington DC. Corr's prices for the figures were quite variable and really expensive for the period, ranging from \$4.25 for GF-6 to \$8.15 for GF-QC. This averaged 3-times the contemporary price of a full Britains set, twice the price of a Vertunni, and similar to what a foot Courtenay would cost at the time. The line was advertised as having "received the sanction and cooperation of such top British agencies as the College of Heralds, the Council of Design and the Lord Chamberlain's office."

Because of the very limited range of production (a total of only 38 figures known), coupled with the short and finite time span in which the models were manufactured (1952-57), these exceptional figures are an especially collectable commodity. They are more common in the United Kingdom, though a large number were sold through Coors in the United States as well. They cross over between toy soldier collectors and British Royalty

mavens, yet beyond the partial catalog of Corr's, little documentation seems to have been produced. Now, some 50 years after their production as we revisit Elizabeth's Coronation through her Jubilee, we may again appreciate this beautiful early workmanship of Russell Gammage.



H.M. The Queen with original box. (Courtesy Don Pielin)



H.M. The Queen in Coronation Robes (GF-QC) & Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh (GF-PC). The Coronation Chair illustrated was manufactured by Britains



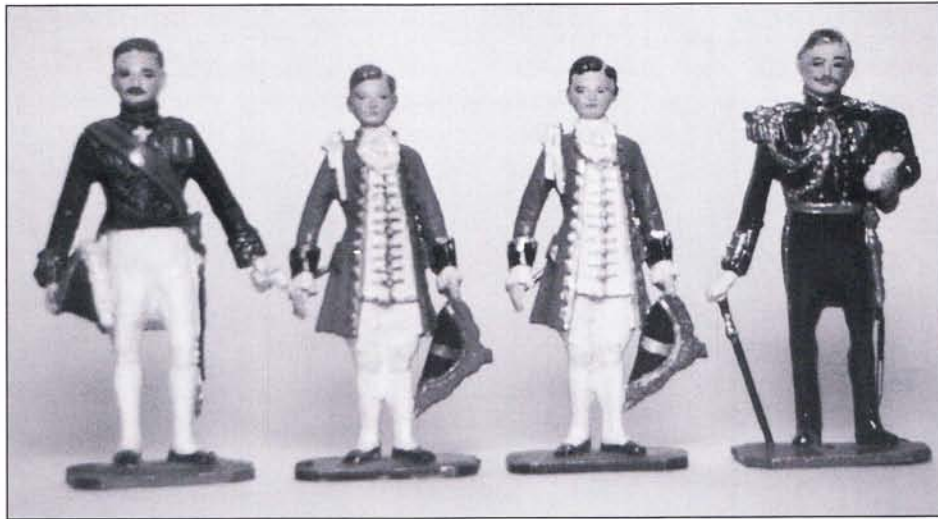
Queen Elizabeth (GF-1) & Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh in Evening Dress (GF2)



L. to R. Hereditary Earl Marshal (GF3), Garter Principal King of Arms (GF4), Archbishop of Canterbury (GF5) & The Lord Chancellor (GF6)



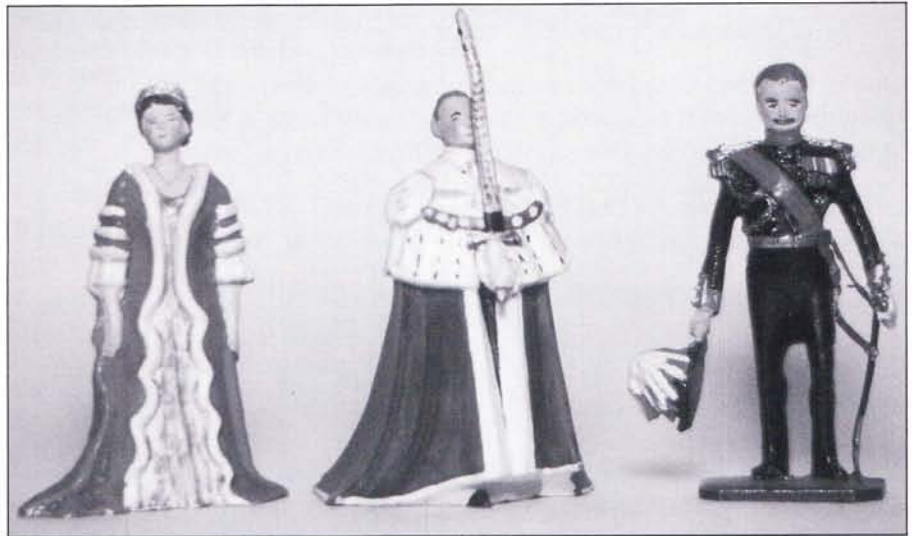
L to R. Master of the Queens Horse (GF7), Commandant Gentleman at Arms (GF8), Gold Stick in Waiting (GF9) & Silver Stick in Waiting (GF10)



L to R. Ambassador (GF11), English Page (GF12), Irish Page (GF13), Scottish Page (GF14) - Not Illustrated, & Gold Stick (GF15)



Lietenant of the Yeoman of the Guard (GF16)
left & Beefeater (GF17)



L to R. A Peeress (GF18), Lord Mayor of London (GF19)
& a Governor General (GF19)



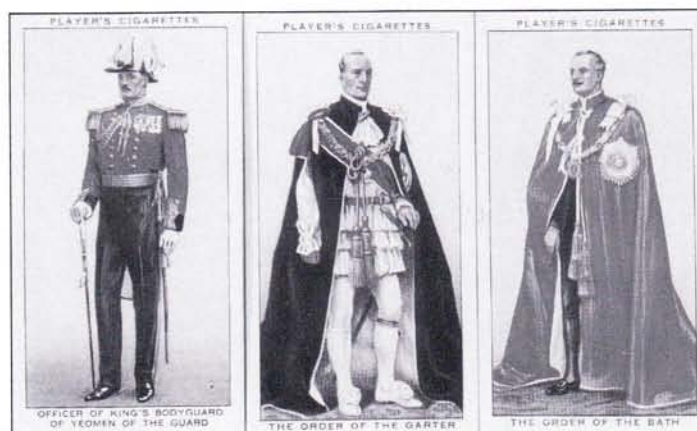
L to R. Most Noble Order of the Garter (GF-OG0, Most Honorable Order of the Bath (GF-OB), & Lord Great Chamberlain (GF-LC)



Examples of GF1 and GF2 with their original boxes.



Three Photos showing 9 Players Cigarette cards that inspired the Farish Coronation range.



The Annotated Coronation Catalog of Graham Farish:

Following is the Graham Farish '53 Coronation Catalog containing 25 different figures, with text and catalog numbers excerpted directly from the 1955 Coors catalog, annotated with additional notes of the author and 3 appended figures not contained in the US import catalog:

GF-QC: Queen Elizabeth II in the splendor of her Coronation Robes.

GF-PC: Prince Philip in Coronation Robes.

GF-1: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in evening dress wearing a diadem and the riband of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

GF-2: HRH the Prince Consort, Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, in full evening dress and wearing the riband of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

GF-3: The Hereditary Earl Marshal of England, Duke of Norfolk. He is the head of the college of Heralds, responsible for questions of Arms, dignities, precedence and honours, including all the arrangements of the Coronation.

GF-4: Garter Principal King of Arms, is the Chief Herald of England, an office established in 1417 when he was made an officer of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. The right to grant new (Coats-of) Arms is vested in him.

GF-5: The Archbishop of Canterbury takes precedence after the Royal family. His office dates from 597 when Augustine was appointed, and by ancient right he performs the crowning ceremony.

GF-6: The Lord Chancellor, head of the legal profession in England, Speaker of the House of Lords, and ranks next in precedence after the Archbishop of Canterbury.

GF-7: The Master of the Queens Horse is the third great officer of Her Majesty's Household. His title was first documented in 1449, and it is his responsibility for ordering (organizing) all state processions.

GF-8: The Captain is the Commandant of Her Majesty's Bodyguard of Honourable Corps of Gentleman at Arms, "the Nearest Guards," established by Henry VII in 1485. They attend Her Majesty on great occasions.

GF-9: Gold Stick in Waiting, an officer of the Household Cavalry attendant upon Her Majesty. Charles II established the office in 1687 for his personal protection.

GF-10: Silver Stick in Waiting, an officer of the Household Cavalry who is in a position in relief for the Gold Stick.

GF-11: An Ambassador, a dignitary who represents Her Majesty in foreign countries and hence receives a high order of precedence in the country to which he is appointed.

The following three figures use the same casting, representing "A Page of Honor." These boys were selected from the sons of present and former members of the household.

GF-12: English Page in scarlet and gold.

GF-13: Scottish Page in green and gold.

GF-14: Irish Page in blue and silver.

GF-15: Gold Stick for Scotland is the Captain of the Gentleman of the Royal Company of Archers, which is the Queens bodyguard while in Scotland, reconstituted in 1676.

GF-16: The Lieutenant of the Queens bodyguard of Yeoman of the Guard is one of eight officers of this corps established by Henry VII in 1485.

GF-17: Yeoman of the Guard (Yeoman Warder or Beefeater), the Queens bodyguard in London.

GF-18: A Peeress (woman of rank in her own right or wife of a peer) wears a mantle of crimson trimmed with miniver and ermine tails, and a coronet according to her rank.

GF-19: The Lord Mayor of London, a title dating from 1546, is the first citizen of London where he takes precedence over all save the Queen.

GF-GG: A Governor-General, is the representative of the British Crown in the various Empire Commonwealths and represents the person and authority of the ruling monarch.

GF-OG: The Most Noble Order of the Garter, in blue mantle. The senior order of knighthood dating from 1348.

GF-OB: The Most Honorable Order of the Bath, in red mantle. An order of knighthood with both military and civilian branches, dating from before 1725.

GF-LC: Lord Great Chamberlain.

Authors Notes

The Coronation Chair shown, used in British coronations since 1301, is a Britains Ltd. Model (produced for the coronation), as Graham Farish never produced such a model to accompany their figures.

The author wishes to thank Jim Robinson of Rose/Fusilier/Phoenix Miniatures who so freely shared his time and personal perspectives on this topic.

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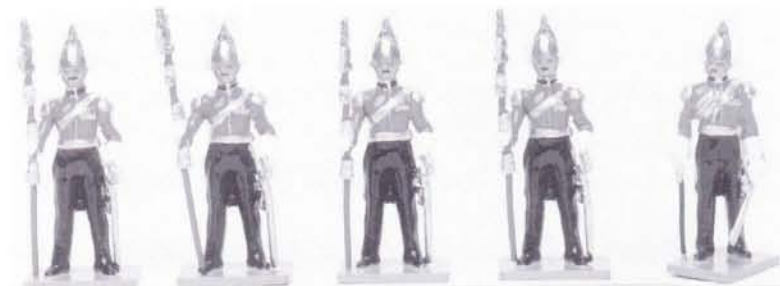
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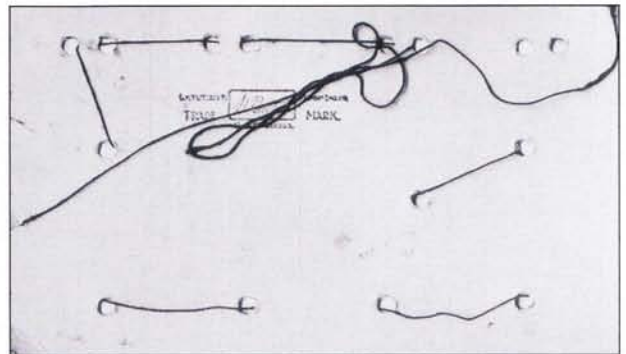
BRITAINS LILIPUT

The photo of this Liliput box was submitted by Superior Court Judge David M. Schacter
"The Liliput TOYS"

This previously undiscovered box will prove of academic interest to the Britains purist in more ways than one. Firstly the set # 50F Model Home Farm has not previously been documented by any of the experts, researchers and authors of Britains reference books, thus filling in a vacant Britains catalog number. Secondly the title of the box with the spelling of Liliput with one letter L is somewhat baffling, obviously of pre War vintage because of its 50F number perhaps it was made to be sold or issued through a different company and similar to the sets made by Britains for Mr Halladay of Skybird and issued under the "Givjoy" label.

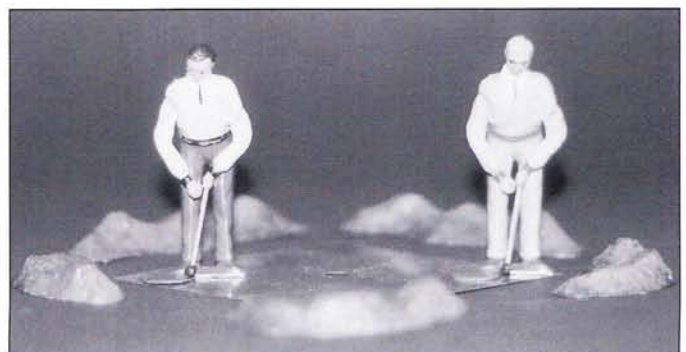
Post War the Britains Liliput series manufactured by Hortons is well known; however, it seems that Britains held the copyright to this alternative spelling as well.

Although the contents are not present it seems likely by the structure of the tie card that the set contained various Farm Animals and or People.- - Can anyone identify the contents?



Britains Noah's Ark Set # 1550

Australian collector Robin Yates submitted this photo of Britains Set # 1550 Noah's Ark. Previous research indicated that The Ark itself served as the box for set #1550, however this outer packaging would suggest that the Ark came in a box.



Britains Miniature Golf Game set # 1338

A recently discovered unboxed version of Britains set # 1338 Miniature Golf Game containing two Golfers and Bunkers also revealed for the first time the actual green playing surface.

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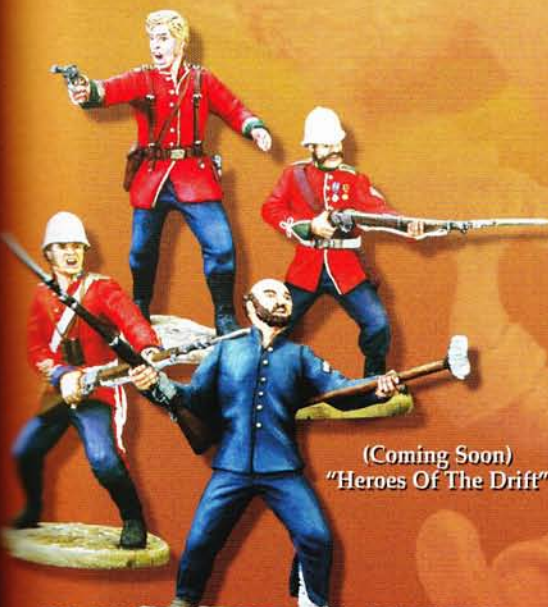
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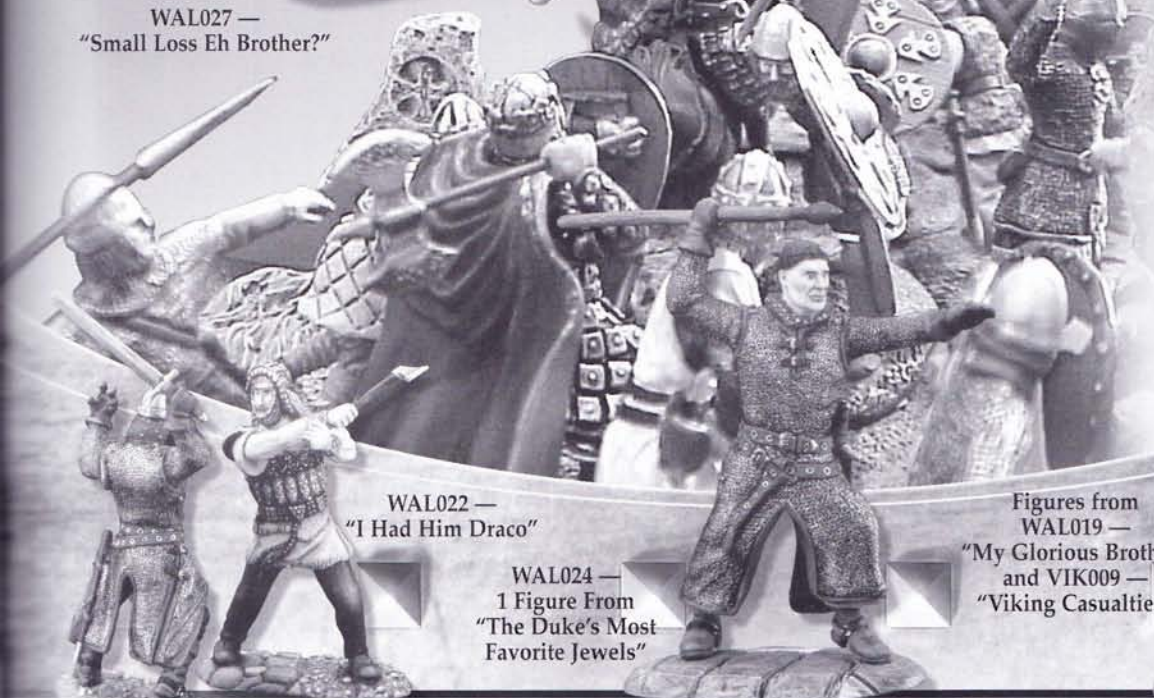
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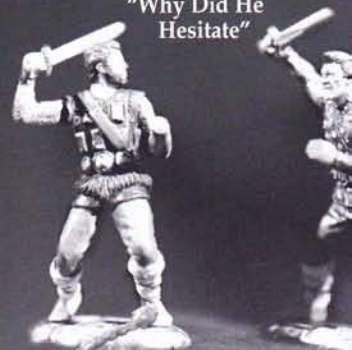
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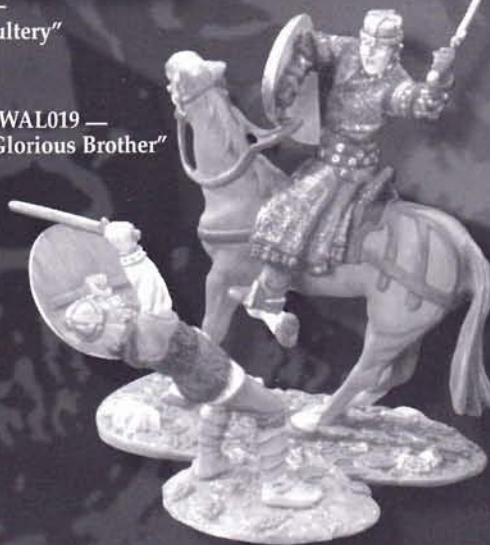
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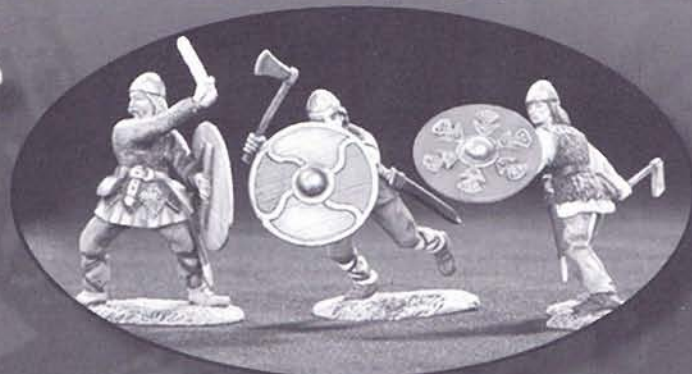




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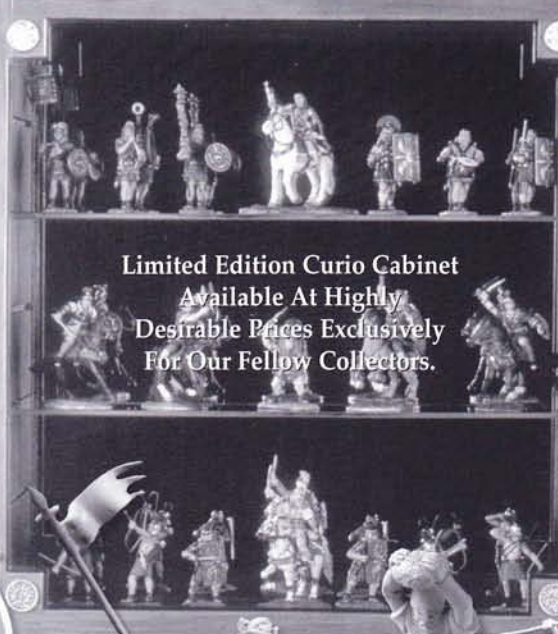
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Corgi boxed State Open Road Landau



Photo 2 Corgi unboxed example of the State Open Road Landau.



Paramount Plastics issued this make up kit at the time of the Nineteen fifty three Coronation, complete examples are very rare. Illustration shows original box and Template. Photo courtesy Will Beierwaltes



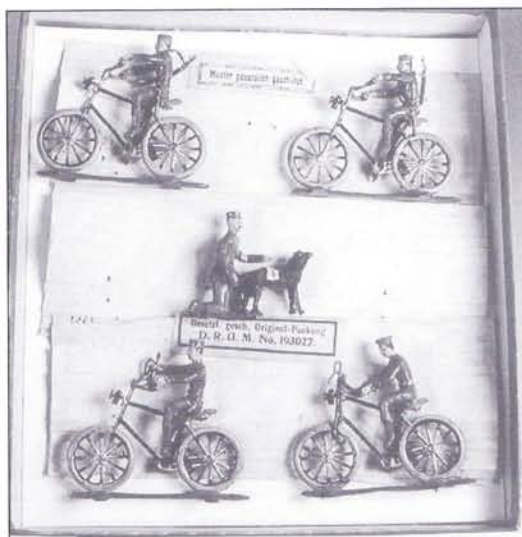
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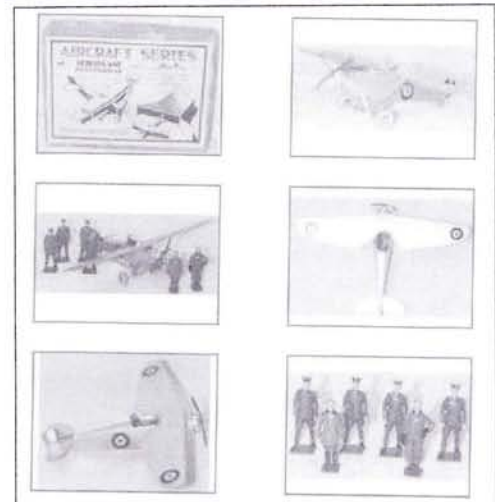
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Riding with The Royals A Tribute to the British Monarchy

Max Schulman

Whereas the rulers of many nations have been depicted in miniature over the years, the most unique and certainly the most colorful have been those offerings representative of the British Royal Family. Directed to the "Toy Soldier Enthusiast" and starting with the reign of Queen Victoria, the respective offerings can best be described in one word and quoting legendary Toy Soldier collector Ed Ruby "Charming". My position is in no way intended to downgrade the excellence of those artisans who have brought and continue to bring us "Knighthood" in all its flower, but rather to recognize the contemporary producers of nostalgia "par excellence".

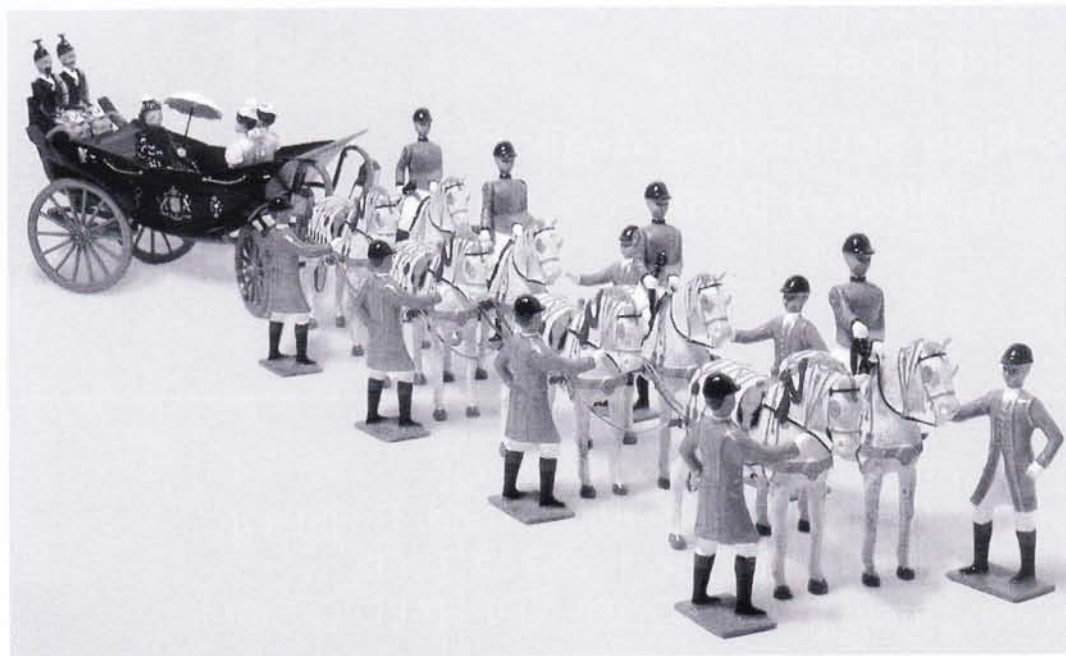


STE Limited Queen Victoria Riding in the Ivory Phaeton

In respect to the individual's order of reign as opposed to their place in production history, we must, of course start with HRH Queen Victoria. As a single figure standing in her black gown (after Prince Albert's passing) and white lace head covering, this somewhat provocative ruler enhances many collectors' shelves.

V.C Miniatures a small company operating in Wales during the early part of the nineteen eighties produced a set entitled "Hospital visit". The set portrayed Queen Victoria in a high backed cane wheelchair being pushed by an Indian orderly, very rare, this must count as the first Queen

Victoria "riding" item manufactured (Not illustrated). STE Limited of California led the industry when they released their set TS 0004V in the late nineteen eighties which featured Queen Victoria riding in the Ivory Phaeton.



William Hocker Set #100 Queen Victoria in State Open landau.

William Hocker's set number 100 presents a superbly accurate offering and depicts Queen Victoria in an Open Landau drawn by eight Windsor Grey's that normally drew the State (Coronation) Coach. The Queen was said to be so unhappy with the uncomfortable ride in the State Coach during her Coronation ceremony that she vowed never to ride in the Coach again – Thus the Hocker historically correct replication – Great job Bill.

Riding with The Royals (*con't*)

Continuing the HRH Queen Victoria "On a Roll" theme is the great Steadfast production featuring Her Majesty standing to alight from the Royal Barouche.



Steadfast. HRH Queen Victoria alighting from the Royal Barouche.

In 2000, Britains issued a limited edition of one thousand sets showing Queen Victoria riding in the Barouche pulled by two Windsor Grey's in a series commemorating the presentation of the State Colors to the Scots Guards in 1899.



Britains Limited Edition set Queen Victoria in the Royal Barouche.

Next in order of recognition, are King Edward the 7th and King George the 5th. As stand alone singles on horseback, only two manufacturers have produced one or both - in each case in magnificent manner. Imperial Productions of New Zealand offered both Kings in their respective uniforms, in their usual impeccable style, while Charles Biggs of Premier released in 2000 King George the 5th as Colonel in Chief of the Coldstream Guards and in 2001 as a Field Marshal, both gorgeous figures. (See also New Products in this issue).

Riding with The Royals (*con't*)



Imperial Productions of New Zealand. Left King George 5th Colonel- in Chief Scots Guards.1910, Right .King Edward 7th Colonel-in-Chief 10th Hussars 1900.



Premier King George 5th Colonel-in-Chief of the Coldstream Guards



Premier King George 5th in Field Marshals uniform

Once again we find ourselves in the land of wheels through an essentially uninterrupted run of issues by Britains.

In 1937 they issued their first State (Coronation) Coach Set # 1470. First prepared in 1936 and scheduled to feature King Edward the 8th, the Coach was quickly adapted and two figures of HRH King George 6th and Queen Elizabeth (later the Queen Mother) replaced the single King who had abdicated in favor of Wallace Simpson.

The State (Coronation) Coach was reissued by Britains in 1953 for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth 2nd. This version had less ornate wheels than its predecessors, light blue and side panels and doors. Queen Elizabeth 2nd was accompanied by Prince Philip.

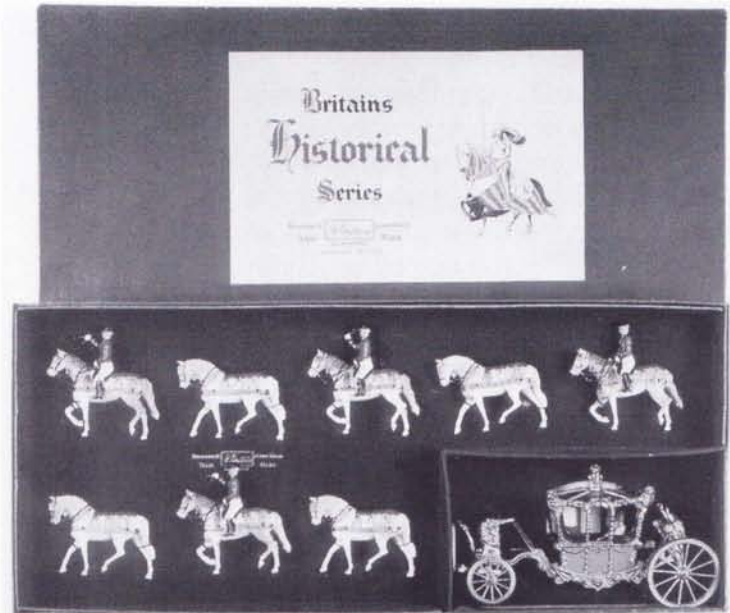
In the 1937 version HRH King George 6th carries the Scepter which is in turn carried by Queen Elizabeth 2nd in the 1953 version.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd was again paired with Prince Philip when Britains introduced their Set # 2094 State Open Road Landau in 1954, the item remained in production for one year after the deletion of Hollow Cast figures from the Britains catalogs being deleted in 1967.

Riding with The Royals (*con't*)



Very Rare Edward 8th Seated figure from the Britains State Coach of 1937, hastily withdrawn following the abdication.



State (Coronation) Coach from 1953 in its original Historical Series box.



Britains State Open Road Landau



Britains State Open Road Landau set # 2094 with original Historical series box.

Riding with The Royals (*con't*)

FG Taylor and Son, a post War off shoot of the pre War Taylor and Barrett company made a State Open Road Landau, the scale is around 50mm. Only one occupant was included in this vehicle and owing to the lack of cataloged information it is not known who it is meant to represent. In an interview some years ago with the former owner of the company , it was suggested that the female figure may have represented The Queen Of Tonga. However this is legend rather than fact.



F.G.Taylor and Son State Open Road Landau with female (Queen of Tonga) occupant? Photo courtesy Norman Joplin Reference Collection.



STE Limited HM Queen Elizabeth 2nd riding in the Ivory Phaeton.

STE, Limited released HM Queen Elizabeth 2nd riding in the Ivory Phaeton in 1987, coinciding with the first year that Her Majesty rode to the Trooping of the Color in a carriage. Two mounted Grooms are included in this set.

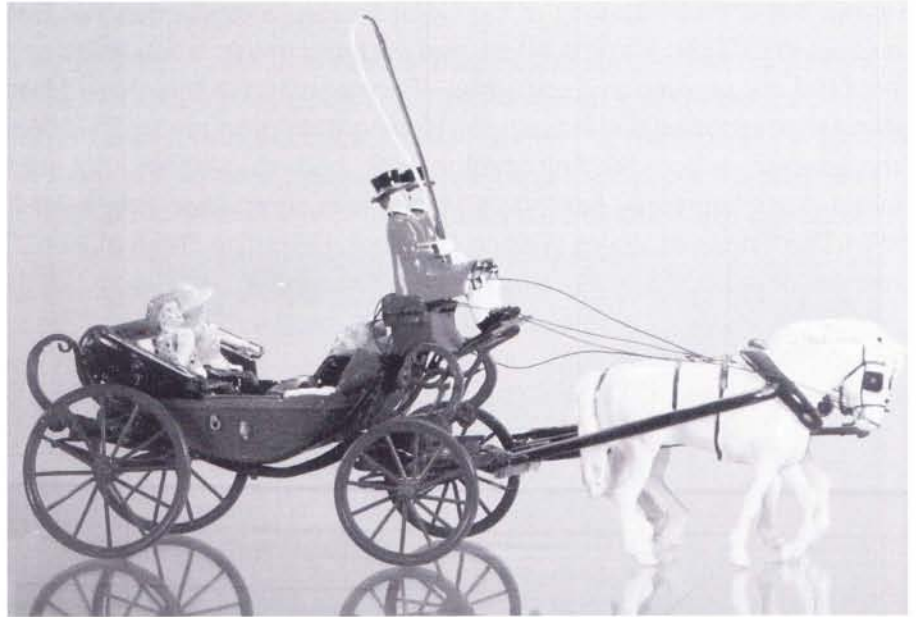
Britains have this year issued HM Queen Elizabeth riding in the Ivory Phaeton and although the catalog mentions a mounted Groom no illustration has yet appeared of the item in Britains catalog. With the exception of the horses, Britains offering is essentially identical to the STE model, even down to the trace attachments and the folds in the lap blanket - Interesting?



Britains 2002 issue HM Queen Elizabeth 2nd riding in the Ivory Phaeton.

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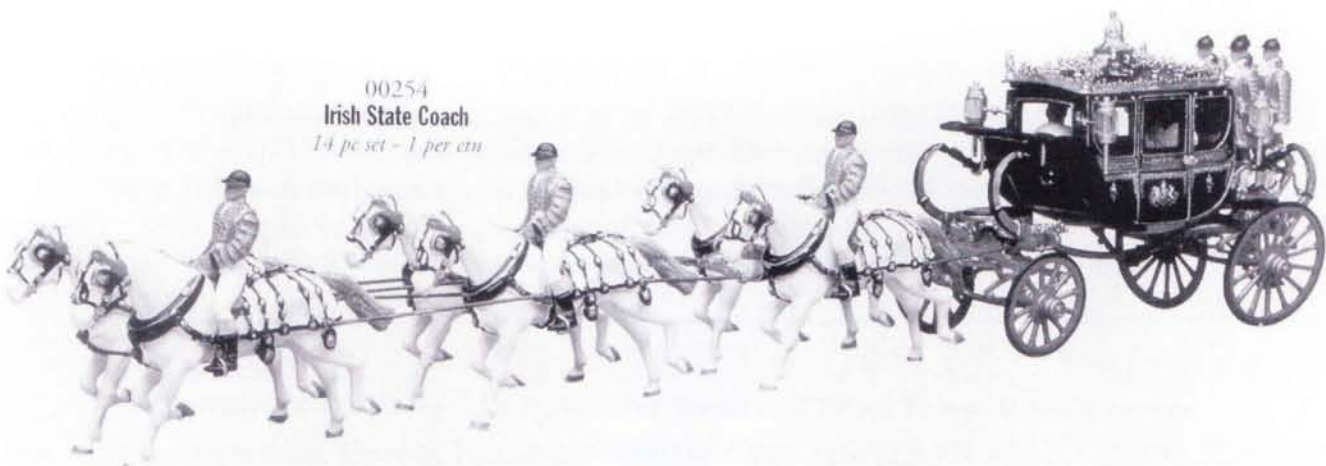
On at least three additional occasions the current Royals graced rolling transport. The first in 1990 was a winning presentation by STE, the very rare Royal Barouche carrying Queen Elizabeth ,the Queen Mother, Princess Diana ,Prince William and Prince Harry enroute to the Trooping of the Color. Trophy of Wales produced a State Open Road Landau carrying Prince Charles dressed in Naval Uniform accompanied by Princess Diana. 2001 Britains issued a Model of the Irish State Coach with both Queen Elizabeth and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Beset by production problems the item was recalled - If you have an example - hold on to it.



STE Limited Royal Barouche with Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Princess Diana, Prince William and Prince Harry



Trophy of Wales. State Open Road Landau with Princess Diana Charles & Prince Charles.



Britains Irish State Coach with HM Queen Elizabeth and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Riding with The Royals (*con't*)

Remaining on the Trooping of the Color theme as detailed in Will Beierwaltes article Queen Elizabeth: Colonel in Chief in OTS(N) Volume 10 #1 and updated in this issue. Britains produced HM Queen Elizabeth 2nd mounted on an (undersized) horse - Burmese and in their New Metal Model range on a full size horse. Ducal somewhat scooped the industry by issuing their properly sized (horse) Queen Elizabeth prior to Britains second attempt, at both the halt and the walk, both saluting and not saluting. Not ones to stand still, Ducal followed these figures by issuing variations with companion riders -HRH The Duke of Edinburgh (Prince Philip), HRH The Prince of Wales (Prince Charles), HRH The Duke of Kent, The Grand Duke of Luxembourg, and their latest in 2002 The Princess Royal (Princess Anne) Colonel of the Blues and Royals.

An interesting footnote is the fact that only Ducal offers the entire Trooping of the Color Ceremony and parade including all troops personalities, and spectators 688 in the parade alone, to be exact. That's a lot of figures.



Ducal HM Queen Elizabeth 2nd at the Trooping of the Color and companion riders as above.

My most heartfelt thanks to the following whose subject knowledge, input and photographic talents greatly eased my efforts. Sandy Adcock - Premier Model Collection, David and Kay Cowie - Imperial Productions, Jim Hillestad -The Toy Soldier, Bill Hocker - Toy Soldiers of William Hocker, Craig McClain - Old toy Soldiers Home, Ron Ruddell - London Bridge Collectors Toys and Stuart Taylor - Trophy Miniatures.

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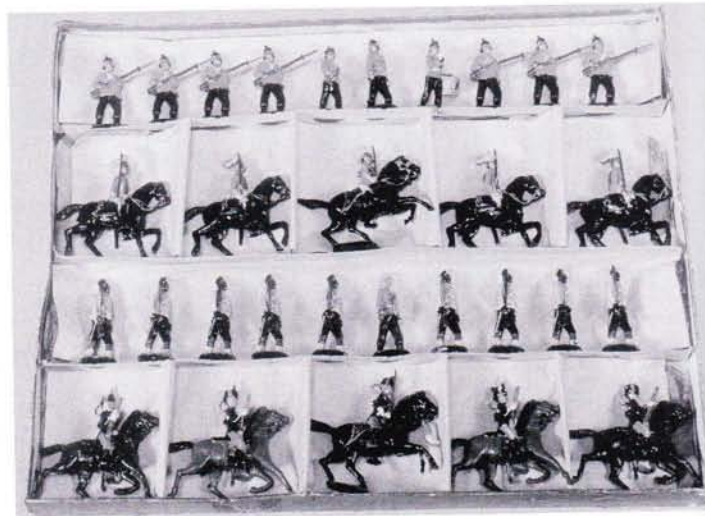
BERTOIA AUCTIONS - The DMITRI R. ILYINSKY Toy Soldier Collection.

Collector DMITRI (Tim) ILYINSKY has amassed a top quality collection of Britains sets, bordering on Museum quality and covering 73 years of Britains production, in addition to Vertunni, Elastolin, Barclay, Manoil, Jones and Grey Iron. All of the items are of the highest paint condition and with few exceptions in the Britains section, most are contained within their pristine condition original boxes. Many of the sets have been featured in major Toy Soldier reference books and in addition to Military sets, Vehicles, Civilian, Circus, Garden and Zoo are also included in the auction. Rich Bertoia spokesman for Bertoia Auction Galleries informed OTS that the auction will consist of around 500 lots, 380 lots of Britains are scheduled for the catalog with an additional 120 lots covering Vertunni, Elastolin, Hausser, Lineol Vehicles, Barclay, Manoil, Jones and Grey Iron Dimestores all in superb condition. The Auction takes place on October 5, 2002 at The Bertoia Auction Gallery, 2141F Demarco Drive Vineland New Jersey 08360.

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Part of the DMITRI R. ILYINSKY Collection.

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Photo Britains Set #1391 Model Fortress



Photo Britains Set #1344 Archer With Target and Target Rings.

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BONHAMS AUCTIONS LONDON - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2002

By James Opie

The Ken Pizey Collection A COLLECTOR FROM CHILDHOOD

Ken Pizey's collection was off to a good start through a well preserved gift from his father's boyhood days, and added to through his own childhood in North Chingford in the suburbs of London after serving in the Merchant Navy during the Second World War, Ken resumed collecting somewhat later, having discovered through the British Model Soldier Society that it was still OK as an adult. This was just in time to snap up a few choice items still left over in the shops as Britains hollowcast figures production ground to a halt.

Thenceforward Ken was a cheerful face at BMSS auctions and at Phillips, acquired certificates from the Richards collection and many an interesting lot as today's prices became tomorrow's bargains. During this period, too, a number of collections through friends and acquaintances swelled the ranks, particularly a fine variety of 1953 coronation sets and about five batteries worth of horse-drawn artillery.

The result has been a fine display collection of some 12,000 pieces, with examples reaching into most corners of the Britains hollowcast range. While Ken certainly had some favourites, he nevertheless also enjoyed having a little of everything.

THE LEGACY OF A GENERATION

The toys descended from Pizey senior form a core of early Britains added to later through the auctions. Prominent here is a boxed set of first version Egyptian Camel Corps with wire tails (lot 48), 17th Lancers on pony horses (lot 64), second version Middlesex Yeomanry (lot 88) and a selection of forty-four early Indian Empire cavalry. To these have been added the magnificent set of plug-shouldered 16th Lancers (lot 50) which is the star of the whole collection, and an exceptional boxed set of South African Mounted Infantry (lot 60).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 1930s

The soldiers collected by Ken in his youth have been joined by an impressive array of contemporaries from the late 1930s, one of the most interesting periods of Britains production, about which there is always more to learn. As Britain re-armed towards the Second World War, Britains brought out the new troops in miniature. At the start of the war Ken was still a boy, and bought, for instance, a box of Militia, set 1854 (lot 91). This set as it came in the box had slung rifles, not the at the slope arm which is the standard description of the set. Britains, as they sometimes did, were varying the composition of boxes.

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Also here are 12th and 21st Lancers, (lots 86 and 87) cantering, but with arms carrying swords rather than lances. Perhaps with war shortages beginning, the right sort of wire for the lances was no longer available. The 21st Lancers are in one of the boxes with end labels named after prominent war leaders, in this instance Wavell. It seems likely that these boxes date from early in the war, since the names used are all prominent in 1941. Had this series originated at the end of the war, the names would have been Montgomery, Alexander and Slim.

There is also a nice trio of aviation related sets (lots 54-56) the RAF Firefighters, the Air Raid Precaution set which was next on Britains catalogue list, and the rare set of RAF pilots with two WAAF, for which Britains adapted an earlier Whisstock box label.

Among a number of other beautiful late 1930s boxed sets, a few in particular stand out. There are both the French (lot 83) and the Belgian (lot 92) Infanterie in steel helmets with the rare officer figure, which appears only to have been included in these sets for a year or two before the war. There is a complete series of the USA Aviation sets (lots 75-79) though here only two of them are in original boxes. There are both versions of set 1828 (lots 89 and 90) the Infantry of the Line in steel helmets, which is extremely rare in the first, service dress, version, and there is a set of the legendary Netherlands Infantry (lot 93). Ken is convinced that Britains were first intending to bring out Finnish infantry, as Johillco did, using this figure, as the helmet would have been exactly the right shape. Among other Armies of the World are immaculate sets of Prussian Hussars (lot 94) and French Dragons (lot 85).

One figure in particular seems to have caught the imagination of the youthful Pizey. This is the man in shorts depicting British Infantry in Tropical service dress, wearing a Wolseley helmet. There are a number of these, not all in good condition, but also many of the figures which Britains achieved by painting them differently, such as the Durban Light Infantry (lot 43), the Louw Wepener (lot 41) and a set of special paint Rhodesia Police with officer originally from the amazing Poitier-Smith collection (lot 74). (See illustration)

THE LURE OF THE GUNS

Ken Pizey was always, when comparing notes with other collectors, careful to mention that he was the proud possessor of thirty-nine Britains gun teams. If this seems a little excessive, one has only to look at the effect of laying out a whole battery of six collar harness Royal Field Artillery to discover just how worthwhile this is. The entire Artillery park and horse drawn transport takes up lots 326 to 403.

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

Another pre-occupation has been that collectors' favourite, the Coronations. In all, if all likely participating troops in the collection were gathered together, there are probably 4,000 suitable figures. From lot 101 on there is an array of the 1953 figures used for the Mechanical Coronation Processions almost to rival that of Ed Ruby. Many of these were purchased from the Richards Collection. Then there are many of the 1930s sets brought out with the Coronation of King George VI in mind, including the rare Territorials and the Australians and New Zealanders at present. In much

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the same vein, there is a massive series of Nostalgia figures, though the majority of these are used for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee parade. At the heart of it all are the State Coach with attendants, staff, Life, Horse and Foot Guards, in sufficient numbers to bring that thrill which we enjoyed most recently as the Queen rode to St Pauls for her Thanksgiving service.

A COLLECTION WELL SAVOURED

All in all, Ken Pizey's collection gives the impression of having added considerably to his enjoyment of life. Many sections include conversions and restorations, where the display has been more important than original condition, but there are enough of both types to satisfy all requirements.

In a short comparison, Len Richards collection comprised nearly nine thousand Britains, and John Hanington disposed of some six and a half thousand. Ed Ruby's collection was of about twelve thousand Britains figures, and Ken Pizey has around ten thousand. Kemble Widmer's collection of seventeen thousand filled a cellar containing an 800 square feet display area. This, for me, is what toy soldiers are all about.

Discoveries from the Ken Pizey collection.

It would be normal to discover a few curiosities in a collection of 12,000 figures such as that of Ken Pizey. Here are two of them.

The year 1899 saw the issue by Britains of set 100, the 21st Lancers in the foreign service dress in which they made their famous and foolhardy charge at the battle of Omdurman in the Sudan. As might have been expected, the set was at the full gallop, on the "rocking horse", complete with trumpeter.

Britains were, at this time, probably thinking hard about improving their range of mounted figures, as evidenced by the dated cavalry figures issued from 1900 onwards, and the first new standard size cavalry figure since the Indian cavalryman was the rather small 'pony' horse. Reminiscent of the Indian cavalry figure itself, this horse had a somewhat transitional feel to it. Britains experimented with using it for a number of different sets, but in fact never continued with any of them once the dated horses were available.

The 'pony' horse even came in two variations of mould, one with prick ears and one with flattened ears.

On of the sets it was used for was set 81, the 17th Lancers in the foreign service dress they might have been wearing at the battle of Ulundi in the Zulu War, so this horse and head could have been tried out for set 100, painted in khaki. In Ken Pizey's collection, there is just such a figure, of an officer with outstretched sword arm on a pony horse with flattened ears.

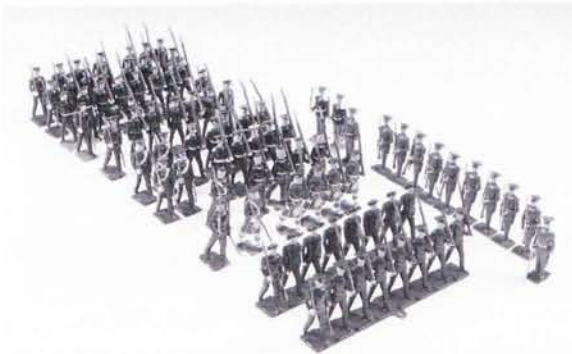
We know that the 17th 'Ulundi' lancer was first issued on the rocking horse, so when it was changed to the pony horse, it must only have been natural for Britains to contemplate the same new figure for the 21st Lancers. The spirit of the charge, however, prevailed, and I have never before seen a

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pony horse 21st 'Omdurman' lancer. Furthermore, as an officer, it is highly unusual, as the set was normally provided with a trumpeter. (See below right)

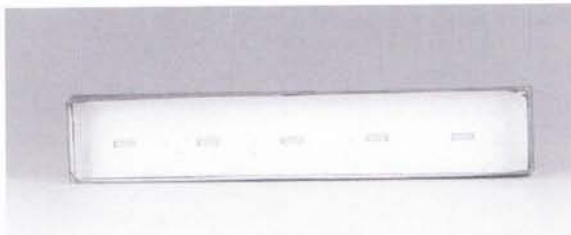
The example from the Pizey Collection has the end of his sword missing, and is also blessed with a replaced front hoof. Nevertheless, the paintwork otherwise looks original, and has to be a very intriguing figure to show to friends for whoever buys it in lot 445.



Britains Figures from the 1953
Mechanical Coronation Display



Rare 21st Omdurman Lancer Officer



Rare insert card within Set #38



Britains Set #38 South African Mounted Infantry

The second point of interest comes from about the same period, and is to do with lot 60, one of the nicest early production sets in the whole collection, set 38, the South African Mounted Infantry, in an extremely attractive early paint style with a box and lid to match. Apart from this there is nothing non standard about the figures, or indeed the box. It is the insert card which is different, in that it has five regularly spaced rectangular holes cut in it rather than the expected five sets of three triangularly spaced round holes.

Could this have been at the time when Britains was starting to experiment with tying in soldiers, rather than putting them in compartments? The timing is about right. The card itself looks contemporary, rather than something added later, and the holes are regular enough to have been die-cut. Perhaps Britains were thinking of the best method of attaching cavalymen to the backing card, and were trying the idea here of two loops of thread through a central hole for each mounted figure rather than the three hole method that was adopted as standard.

Just another fascinating possibility in piecing together how everything happened.

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Three hundred and ninety five lots made up the above auction. Results do not include the buyers premium.

Highlights in the Britains section were set # 15 Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, pre War in original box \$310, set # 43. 2nd Lifeguards, pre war in original box \$300, set # 2077 RHA at the walk with original box \$420, Britains set # 91 US Infantry on guard 1906 in original box \$540, set 109 Royal Dublin Fusiliers pre War in original box \$380, set # 209 Cowboy display set post war \$340. Courtenay King Henry 8th and six Wives \$600. Manoil Happy Farm set 3 1150 in original box \$560 Selwyn Miniatures Mounted Earl of Oxford \$850, Mounted Bishop of Winchester \$900, Mounted Banner bearer of the Earl of Arundel \$850 and Mounted John Lord Grey \$600. Pre auction estimates ranged from \$250 to \$400 for these items. Johillco Rare boxed Indian Encampment \$320.

Mignot. Napoleon at the camp of Boulogne boxed Diorama \$1100, Mignot/ Lucotte Mounted Band of the Gendarmes Délite in original box \$700, Napoleons Coronation Coach by the same maker in original box \$840, Mignot French camel Corps in original box \$550, Mignot French Alpine Chasseur 3 tier display box \$1400.

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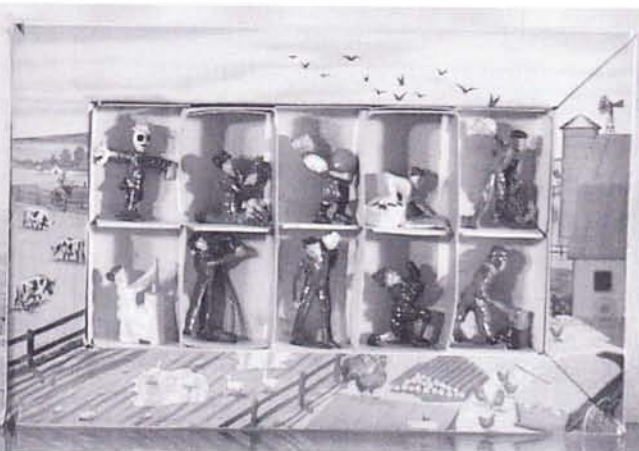
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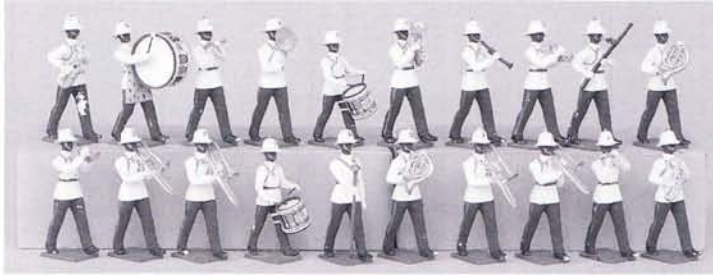
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AUCTION REVIEW

SPECIAL AUCTION SERVICES PADWORTH NR READING

BERKSHIRE

APRIL 28, 2002

By Philip Dean

When starting this article all sorts of titles spring to mind to describe it, "Small is beautiful" or "Who dares wins".

"Special Auction Services" (S.A.S.) have the same initials as the UK's most elite forces team (Special Air Services) and they are both prepared to go where others will not. The small provincial auction is a brave, but sensible move when the bigger city auction houses are moving out of lead figures.

With only 105 lead related lots you could be forgiven for not making the trip to the new auction by SAS. But those who did make the journey, or bid by mail or phone, were rewarded with a range of lots that would be difficult to find in most larger auctions.

This new provincial venue, near Reading in Berkshire, about 30 minutes by train from London, is set to become a four times yearly event and, if the first is typical, an extremely popular one.

SAS is owned by Andrew Hilton, a man with excellent pedigree, but the power behind the throne, for these events, is Nigel Mynheer, well known and respected from his time at Christies and Phillips.

With diecast and trains, the auction totaled 800 lots over two days with only 10 lots unsold (diecast) on the first day and a complete sellout on the second.

The opening 10 lots were Britain's vehicles, all with their boxes and, quality wise, they don't come much better.

1513, navy blue Volunteer Corps Ambulance, with original tissue, £620-\$870 2045, Clockwork van in cream & red, with key, £370-\$520 Two #1641, underslung lorries, one in light blue and the other in dark blue, both immaculate, went for £ 550-\$770 each.

Then the very next lot was the very rare set 158, Complete Railway Station Set. Original tissue, and OK, so a couple of the figures were incorrect, but at £300-\$420, who wants to complain too much. An unboxed, but good, Snow White with her seven little men at £110-\$155. For only £340-\$475 you could have become the proud owner of a very rare set, Britain's set 137, Army Medical Service (with square bases) all good/excellent still tied into the rarer box.

There was a mint 2043 Rodeo set, (aren't they always in good condition?) Selling at £500-\$700. Six superb sets from the Crescent range went for prices ranging from £35-\$50 to £85-\$120, all boxed.

If Elastolin does it for you, then lot 567 was Cowboys and Indians with buildings, wigwams, trees and horses, in total, 55 beautiful pieces, the cost, a mere £260-\$365.

There were even 22 Barclay figures, including the Bride and Groom, sledgers and skaters, a newspaper boy, some so good they could have been made only yesterday, sold for £200-\$280.

Talking to the bidders as they left, some really struggling under the weight of their purchases, they will all be back for the next sale. If Andrew and Nigel can maintain this standard of sale then, watch out London. No minimum lots and no charge for photography, this is an auction to look out for.

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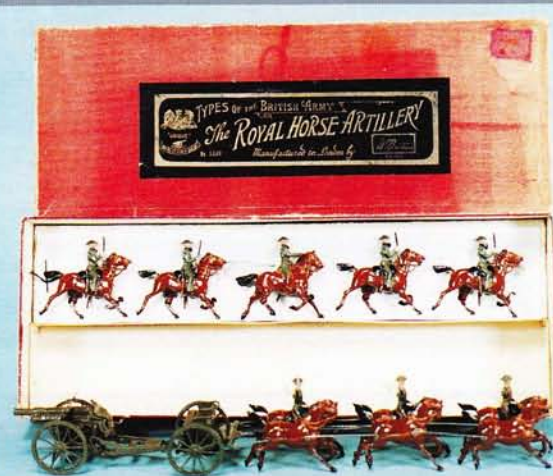
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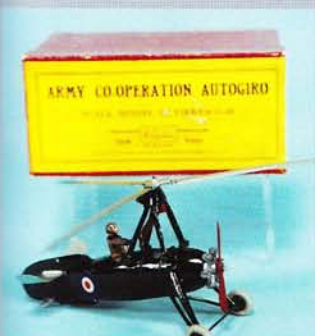
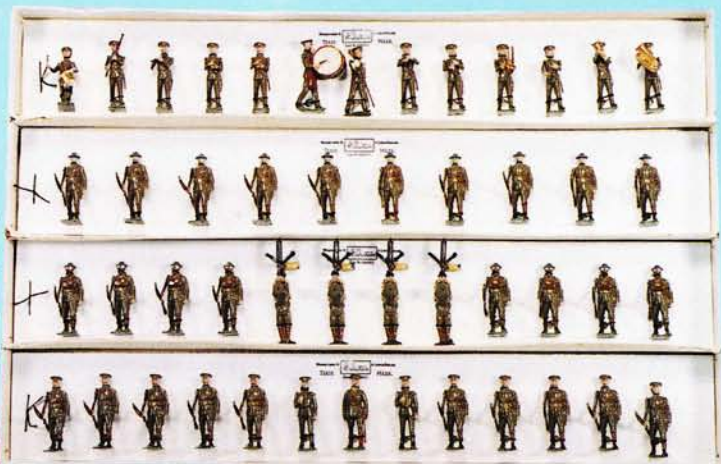
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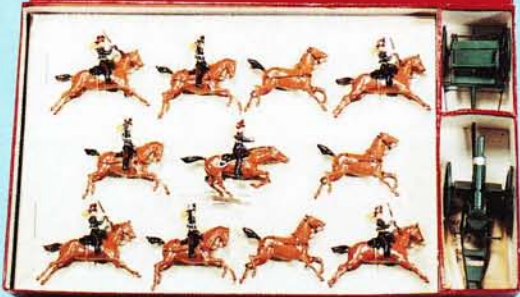
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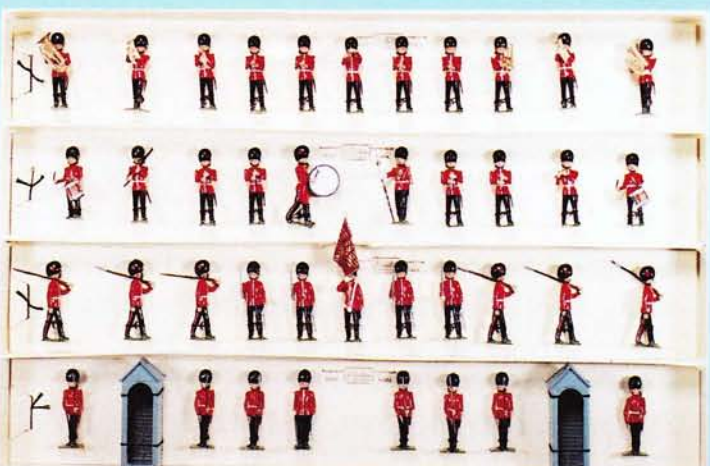
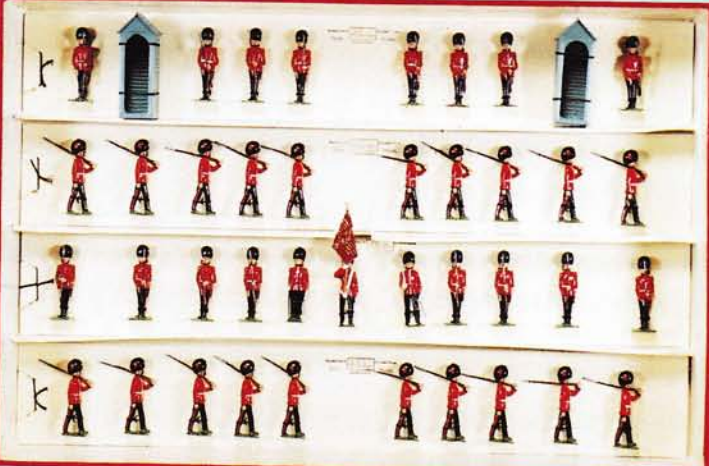


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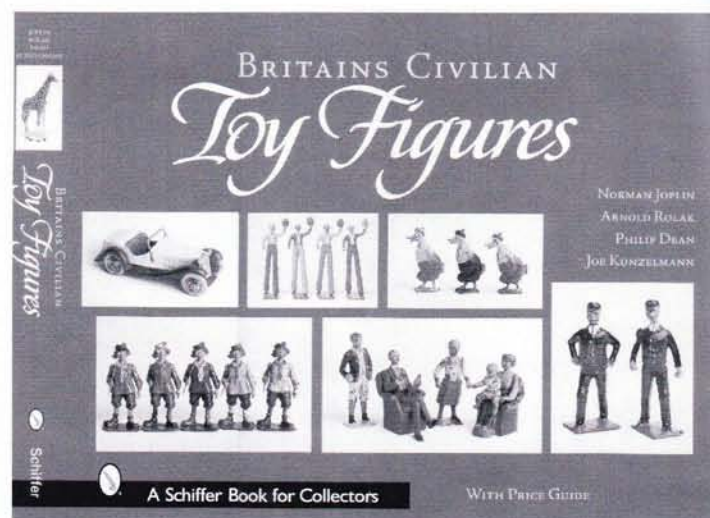
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BOOK REVIEW

BRITAINS CIVILIAN TOY FIGURES

by Norman Joplin, Arnold Rolak, Philip Dean and Joe Kunzelmann
A Schiffer Book for Collectors with Price Guide (2002)

"Britains Civilian Toy Figures" is the latest major book in the hobby, and comes to us from another collaboration by Norman Joplin, the second in a series published by Schiffer Collectors volumes. This book complements Norman's giant original 1993 "Great Book of Hollow Cast Figures" (from New Cavendish) looking only at the ranges of non-military figures and accessories, but now he focuses exclusively on the voluminous output of Britains Ltd. The basic format of the book is very similar to the previous Schiffer authored by Norman in 2000 on "American Dimestore Toy Soldiers and Figures", but the logic and organization of the Britains catalog works much better in the chapters of this volume.



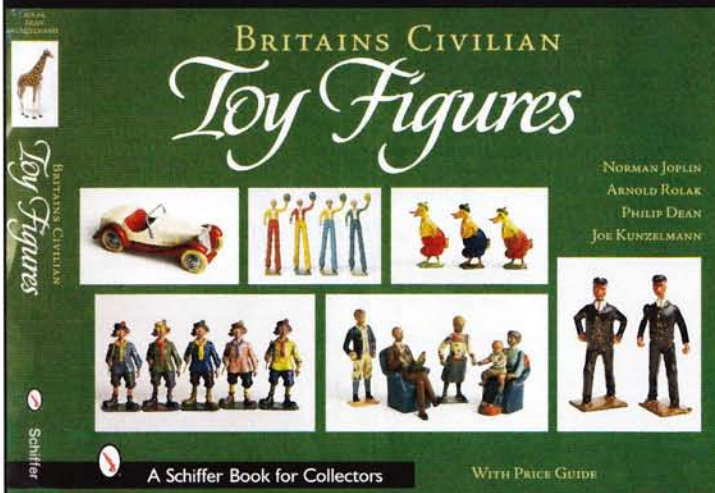
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We begin with what may be the most complete and glorious compendium of Britains pre-1893 production of automata and wind up toys, cataloged from the famous collection of Arnold Rolak. From here, more familiar ground is covered in 26 chapters covering the well-known farm, zoo, racing colors, railway, circus and other expected catalog topics. However, additional chapters bring forth wonderful surprises known primarily to just the hard core Britains collectors in the areas of royalty and coronation, novelties and souvenirs, pond and Christmas, as well as various sports figures beyond a separate chapter on football (soccer).

The book is packed with 255 pages of color beautifully and clearly photographed, and includes not only a virtually complete visual catalog, but also many color and casting variations (like 15 different permutations of the boy on a swing) that so often occurred in the civilian line. The figures are complemented with box art, catalog pages, buildings and accessories, though the text has clearly been held as supplementary to the illustrations. I was hard-pressed to discover anything missed by this comprehensive photo-essay. The only thing I did not find was the cardboard village produced to supplement the Coco Cubs figures. Personally, I would have liked more diorama shots of things like the garden or farm to give a feeling of how wonderful these toys are when composed into an integrated scene, though I understand that was not the purpose the book, nor could they have found much space for such. The price guide is the typical Schiffer format of value ranges listed with each illustration rather than some master list, and this provides a good relative range among the different entries. The only real drawback I found is the lack of a comprehensive index, which would help the collector locate items without thumbing through all the pages, though the chapter format greatly simplifies the search. However, these are merely distractions from a truly wonderful and comprehensive illustrated catalog of Britains Ltd. non-military metal production from 1880 through the 1960's. This book is both a definitive resource and sheer delight for the serious collector and the casual hobbyist.

Reviewed by Will Beierwaltes, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

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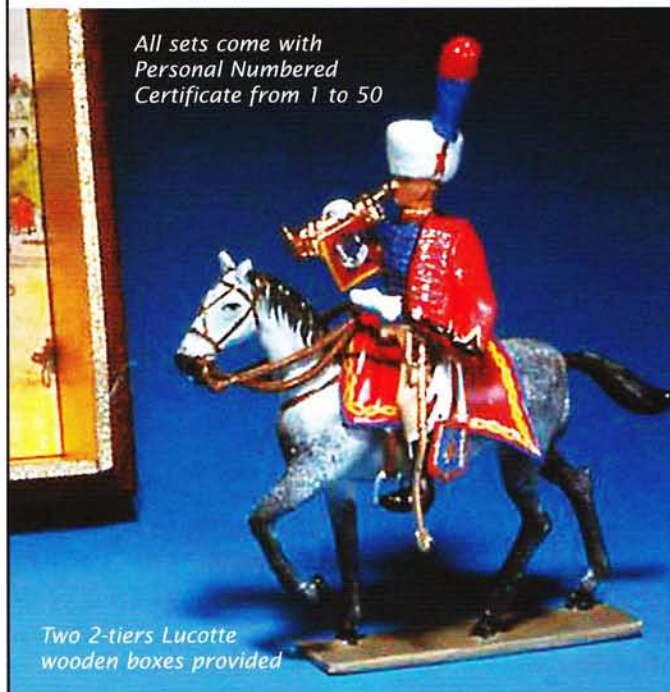
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This is a superb book and reference source on Old German Toy Soldiers. It is printed on high quality semi-gloss art stock with 221pp., and over 230 superb colour illustrations, offering an extraordinary and invaluable reference source.

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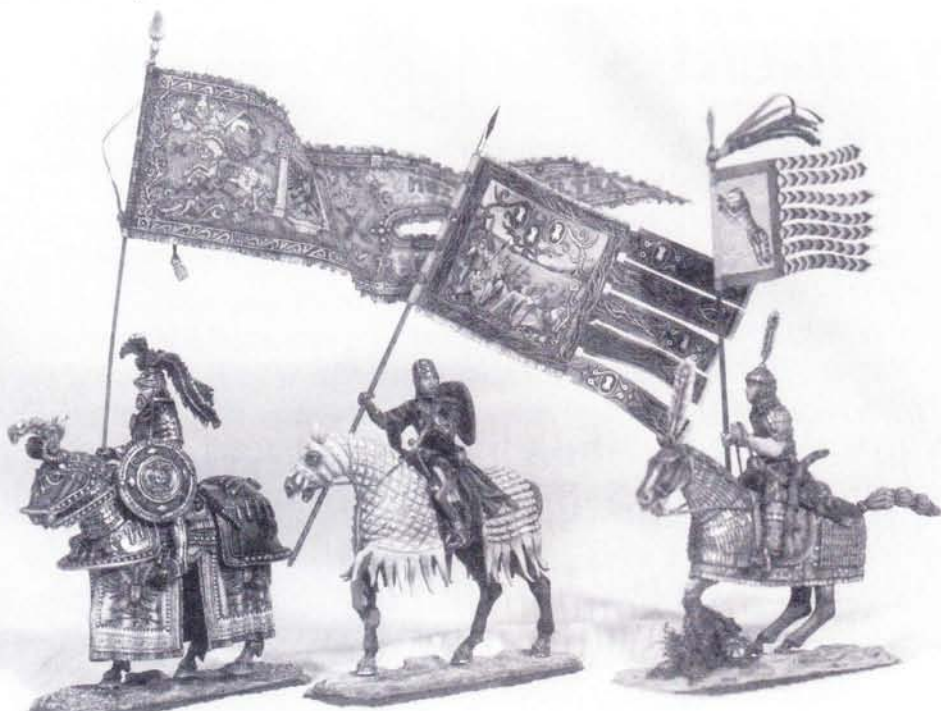
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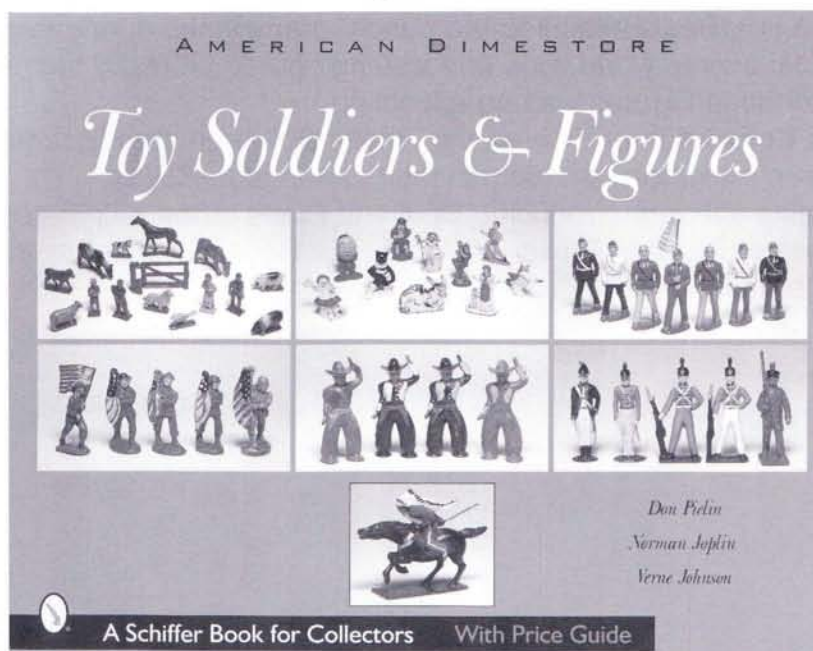
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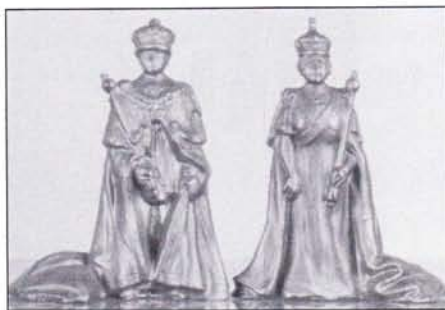
John Hill and Company

John Hill and Company – Johillco. Started producing Toy Soldiers in 1898 and were Britains main competitors in the British market until their demise in 1960.

John Hill, "Beat Britains to the punch" many times during these years by remaining up to date with topical events world wide and issuing figures promptly to coincide with these events, the issue of Coronation Figures was no exception.

The Coronation of Edward the 7th in 1902 prompted the release of gilt painted figures of Edward and Queen Alexandra standing in their Coronation Robes.

Britains although producing Souvenir Busts of the pair in 1901 and a miniature Mounted Gilt Souvenir figure of Edward the 7th (see Royalty Souvenirs in this issue) did not issue standing figures in Coronation Robes until 1937.



John Hill and Company
King Edward 7th and Queen Alexandra-Gilt finish

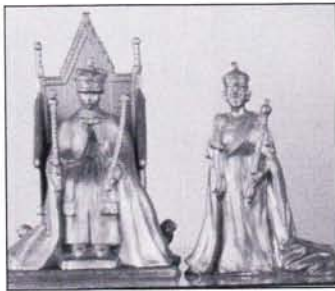
John Hill and Company were to re sculpture the figure of the Queen three times, firstly for the 1937 Coronation of King George the 6th when the whole model was redesigned with more elaborate robes and secondly two versions of Queen Elizabeth the 2nd, the first having been rejected after being sent to Buckingham Palace for approval on the basis that the likeness of the Queens face was unacceptable. Fully painted and gilt versions were available.

King George the 6th was portrayed by John Hill and Company seated on an integral Throne, again either fully painted or gilt versions were available.

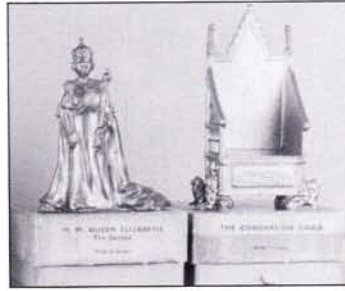
A Coronation Throne in gilt was produced and issued in an individual illustrated box and was larger than 54mm as were the figures produced by Hill.



King George 6th
Seated and Queen
Elizabeth with
Original box



King George 6th
seated and Queen
Elizabeth Gilt 1937



Queen Elizabeth
the 2nd & Throne
Gilt & original
Boxes 1953



Queen Elizabeth
2nd RARE
rejected version
1952

British Royalty in Coronation Robes (con't)

Britains

The 1937 Britains Coronation Souvenir lines leaflet shows the issue of 2 new Royalty models covering six catalog numbers.

1471 King George 6th in Coronation Robes – Copper Finish.

1472 as above Gilt Finish.

1473 as above Fully painted.

1503 Queen Elizabeth in Coronation Robes – Copper Finish

1504 as above Gilt Finish.

1505 as above Fully painted.

Each was contained in its own individual box



Britains # 1471 and #1503.
King George 6th and Queen Elizabeth
Copper Finish



Britains #1473 and #1505
King George 6th and Queen
Elizabeth fully painted.



Britains # 1473 and #1505
King George 6th and Queen
Elizabeth with original boxes

Other Britains Coronation Souvenir items are featured throughout this issue.

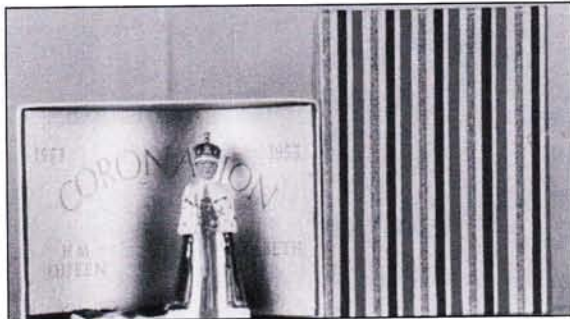
British Royalty in Coronation Robes (con't)

Timpo.

Timpo, existing only post World War two had only the 1953 Coronation to concentrate on. The company issued a splendid Coronation Coach set (see this issue for further details). A 70mm size Queen Elizabeth the 2nd and a 40 mm miniature version which came either painted or gilt.
A model of a decorated Coronation Lamppost was produced and is a rare find for the Coronation and Royalty collector.



Timpo 40mm Miniature Queen Elizabeth 2nd
in Gilt and Fully painted



Timpo 70mm Queen Elizabeth 2nd
In Souvenir Coronation display box.



Timpo. Seated Queen Elizabeth 2nd
from the Coronation Coach and
The RARE Coronation
Decorated Lamppost.

Mignot, Courtenay, Ping and Vertunni.

Manufactures of solid toy figures were responsible for producing a number of items in Coronation Robes.

The Historical figures of Ping are perhaps better described as Military Miniatures, the vast range was available in the 1950s at the exclusive Burlington Arcade store of Hummels.

Richard Courtenay also produced a wide range of Historical and Royalty figures, including those of King George 5th and Queen Alexandra.



King George 5th and Queen Alexandra By Richard Courtenay
Photo courtesy Will Beierwaltes

British Royalty in Coronation Robes (con't)



King George 6th and Queen Elizabeth
Photo courtesy Will Beierwaltes

Prolific Manufacturer of Historical figures Gustav Vertunni made this set depicting King George 6th and Queen Elizabeth.

Mignot issued as similar pair of figures
(not illustrated)

Russell Gammage of Rose Miniatures produced independently of the Graham Farish Queen Elizabeth 2nd in Coronation Robes



Rose Miniatures Queen Elizabeth 2nd.



Blenheim Coronation Set Photo Courtesy Ralph Kimmich

The Blenheim Coronation set depicted Queen Elizabeth 2nd seated on the Throne issued in an individual box, with an add on set available as illustrated below.

The Britains Centenary dinner held in London in 1993 was also the occasion of Queen Elizabeth the Second's accession to the Throne, each dinner guest was presented with a boxed example personalized with their name.
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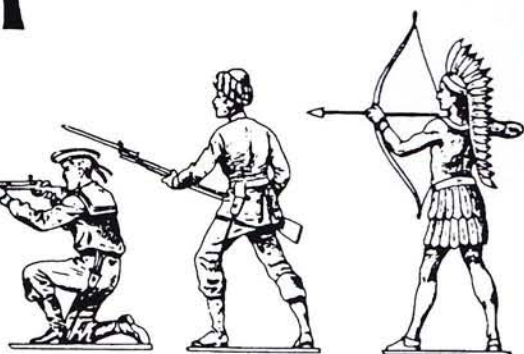
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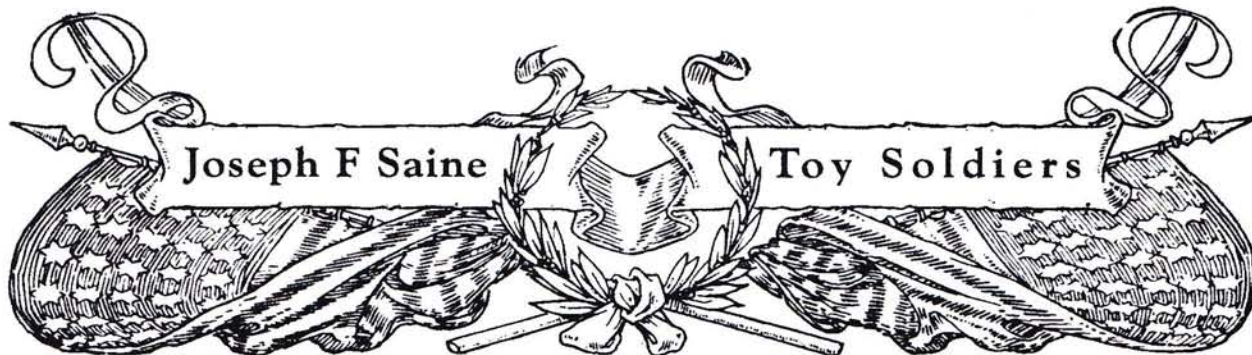
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H.R.H PRINCESS ELIZABETH

By Lou Sandbote

LONDON JUNE 21st 1947 THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS.



The Illustrated London News Cover Saturday 21 June 1947

A feature on the Trooping of the Color Ceremony appeared in the above magazine and featured photographs of H.R.H Princess Elizabeth accompanying her Father King George the 6th and riding for the first time in a public ceremony.

The uniform worn by the Princess was of dark blue and thought to have been designed especially for this occasion.

Holger Eriksson, prolific Toy Soldier and Figure Manufacturer from Sweden is thought to have been the only manufacturer to produce models of the Princess wearing this uniform.

The lead version on a standing horse under the Winkler range and the plastic version on the walking horse by Malleable Mouldings. The Winkler-Eriksson connection was responsible for both the lead and plastic mounted Princess Elizabeth figures. The trade name Malleable Mouldings was used by Winkler for both lead and plastic ranges of figures. Both are exceptionally rare.



Above Winkler-Malleable Moldings Plastic Princess Elizabeth

H.R.H PRINCESS ELIZABETH (*con't*)



Winkler-Malleable Mouldings lead Princess Elizabeth

Britains set # 2065 Issued in 1952 depicted H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth wearing the uniform of Colonel Grenadier Guards.

The same set number was retained when in 1953 the set was retitled H.M Queen Elizabeth Colonel in Chief Grenadier Guards (see Will Beierwaltes article in OTS(N) Volume 10 # 1 1986 updated in this issue)



Britains set # 2065 Princess Elizabeth Colonel Grenadier Guards
From the Arnold Rolak collection, Photo courtesy Philip Dean

Lou Sanbote is core editor of the Holger Eriksson Collector Society newsletter. (See page 8 Volume VI No. 1 of Old Toy Soldier for details of the Society)

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THE DURSO COMPANY

Royals

by

Vincent J. Russo and Patrice Servais

As reported in a previous article, The Durso Company, a producer of excellent composition figures was founded in Liege, Belgium in 1938. Although the factory doors closed in 1972, the founder and owner, Michel Klimov, continued to manufacture "special orders" (minimum of 100 figures) in his home until 1988. These figures were, for the most part, "un-cataloged," but represent an important segment of the company's line of products. The last Durso catalog was published in 1961.

In 1988 Mr. Klimov officially gave up his "work permit," thereby ceasing all production of Durso figures once and for all. At this time Michel Klimov was awarded the Belgian government's prestigious, "Medal of Leopold III," for his fifty years of production (1938-1988).

As one may expect, since the Durso Company was in production during the reigns of Kings Leopold III and Baudouin, the majority of the "Royalty" figures produced depict these two Belgian monarchs. However, "Royalties" from other countries were also represented in the company's line.

This article will cover them all, and while doing, we will attempt to convey a "little bit of history," as well.

Belgian Royalty Leopold III

The first monarch we will discuss is Leopold III. His figures were introduced into the Durso line in 1938, and were given the catalog numbers 1,2, and 3.



King Leopold on Horseback Saluting

Leopold III was born in 1901, the son of Prince Albert and Princess Elizabeth (future King and Queen of Belgium.) In 1926 Leopold met Princess Astrid of Sweden (born November 17, 1905) the daughter of Prince Carl and niece of Gustave V. The marriage took place in November of 1926.

On October 11, 1927, a daughter, Princess Josephine Charlotte (currently Duchess of Luxembourg,) was born. She was followed by the birth of Prince Baudouin, on September 7, 1930, and later by Albert II, on June 6, 1934.

THE DURSO COMPANY

Royals (con't)

On February 23, 1934, Leopold succeeds his father, Albert, and is crowned the fourth King of Belgium. In 1935, while driving during a trip in Kussnacht, King Leopold loses control of his car, and is seriously hurt in the accident. His wife, Queen Astrid, is killed instantly.



King Leopold III Standing with sword.



King Leopold III in overcoat,
on horseback.

In 1936, hoping to escape the German threat, Leopold declares that Belgium is "neutral," thus severing its ties with England and France. However, on May 10, 1940, Germany invades Belgium, and on May 28, Leopold, as Commander-in-Chief of the Army is forced into an unconditional surrender. In November of 1940, Leopold met with Hitler in Berchtesgaden, and successfully negotiated the release of 50,000 Belgians imprisoned by the Germans who were then allowed to return to their homes.

On September 11, 1941, Leopold married Mrs. Lilian Baels who at that time was given the title of Princess of Rethy.

All during the war, King Leopold considered himself a prisoner of the Germans, but dedicated himself to helping his countrymen. The surrender of his country, his meeting with Hitler, and his remarriage all contributed to Belgium's "Royal Controversy" and Leopold's eventual abdication of the Belgian crown.

On June 7, 1944 (the day after D-Day), King Leopold III and his family were deported, presumably to Germany, but eventually ended up as prisoners in Austria.

On May 7, 1945, the Royal family was freed by American troops; however, Leopold does not immediately resume his reign. His brother, Prince Charles, Count of Flanders, continues his role as regent.

Charles, born on October 10, 1903, was the second son of Prince Albert and Princess Elizabeth. Shortly after the start of World War I, he completed his studies at Osborne College in Dartmouth England. He later served in the British Royal Navy on board H.M.S. Renown.

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In 1944 Charles escaped deportation with the rest of the royal family, and on September 20, he is elected regent of the Kingdom of Belgium, which was necessitated by the forced exile of his brother, Leopold III. He took the oath with the wish that his brother would return safe and sound.

Several major events in the history of Belgium occurred during the regency of Prince Charles, i.e., the birth of the social security system and the founding of the economic union between Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg (Benelux.) in 1944, the joining of the United Nations in 1945, NATO in 1948, and the Council of Europe in 1949. Also, 1948 marked the introduction of the "right to vote" for women.

On July 20, 1950, in order to find a political solution to the "Royal Controversy," the government held a popular vote to decide if Leopold should return to the throne. The vote barely carried (58%), with the majority of Leopold's support coming from the Flanders region, whereas many voters in Brussels, and other major cities opposed his return.

On July 22, 1950, Leopold returned to Brussels and resumed his reign as King of Belgium. However, after several violent incidents, he realized that his attempts to rule would be futile, and on July 17, 1951 he abdicated in favor of his son, Prince Baudouin.

Leopold III died on September 25, 1983.

Belgian Royalty Baudouin

Baudouin, Count of Hainaut, was born on September 7, 1930 at the Castle of Stuyvenberg, near Brussels. He was the second child, first son, of Leopold III and Princess Astrid, and heir to the Belgium throne. In 1934, when his father, Leopold is crowned King of Belgium, Baudouin is given the title, Duke of Brabant, which is the traditional title given to the king's eldest son (the Heir.)

In 1950 with the return of Leopold III to the throne, the Belgian Parliament enacted a law assuring the eventual succession of Baudouin to the throne, and on July 17, 1951, he succeeded his father and was sworn in as the fifth King of Belgium.



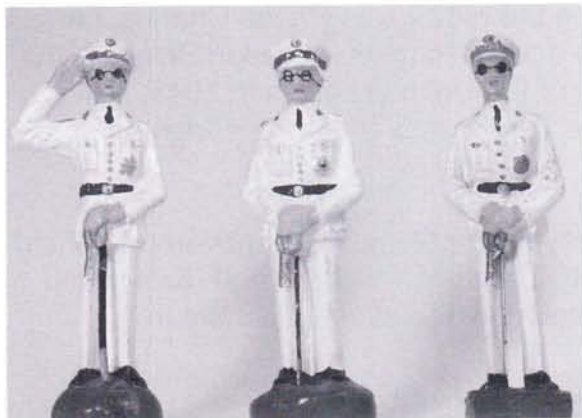
King Baudouin, on horseback.

Durso introduced figures of Baudouin into their lines between 1952 and 1962. An interesting "historical error," occurred when Durso made this figure in 1952. Baudouin never appeared on horseback in official ceremonies.

THE DURSO COMPANY

Royals (con't)

One of the most significant events that occurred during the rule of King Baudouin was his historic visit to the Congo in June of 1955. (Durso commemorated this event with a beautiful and extensive series of figures, military, civilian and "Royalty.") In June 1960, the Congo received its independence from Belgium.



Three poses of King Baudouin, standing.

Figures of Baudouin were made in white uniforms to commemorate the visit to the Congo, and also in the more traditional khaki color.



King Baudouin (without his glasses)



King Baudouin, sitting

On December 15, 1960, King Baudouin married Dona Fabiola Mora of Aragon. On July 31, 1993, while vacationing at his Spanish residence in the south of Spain, at Mostril, King Baudouin suffers a fatal heart attack. He is buried in the royal crypt at the Church of Notre Dame in Laeken, and was succeeded by his brother, Albert II.

Belgian Royalty Albert II

On June 6, 1934 Albert II was born in Stuyvenberg Castle, near Brussels, the third child (second son) of Leopold III and Princess Astrid. He is given the title of Prince of Liege.

On July 2, 1959, Albert married Donna Paola Ruffo di Calabria, from a royal Italian family. They have three children, Prince Philippe (born April 15, 1960), Princess Astrid (born June 5, 1962), and Prince Laurent (born October 19, 1963).

Following his brother Baudouin's death, Albert II is sworn in as the Sixth King of Belgium on August 9, 1993.

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Prince Albert, Marching

Since Durso stopped all production in 1988, the only figure made of Albert was in 1959 as a naval officer.

King Albert II continues to carry the title of "Commander-in-Chief" of the armed services and also holds the ranks of Vice Admiral of the Navy and Lieutenant General of the Army.

Dutch Royalty Queen Wilhelmine

Queen Wilhelmine of the Netherlands was born in The Hague in 1880. On the death of her father, King Guillaume III, Wilhelmine became Queen in 1890. However, due to her young age, her mother, Emma, assumed the regency and essentially the rule of the country. Refusing to recognize a woman's reign, Luxembourg ended their union with the Netherlands when Wilhelmine finally began her rule on September 6, 1898.

The Netherlands remained neutral during World War I, but after Germany began its invasions, Wilhelmine aligned her country with England. In 1945 Wilhelmine, being ill, abdicated in favor of her daughter, Juliana.



Queen Wilhelmine, on horseback.



Prince Bernard on horseback.

These Figures of the Dutch Royalty were made by Durso in 1939.

On January 7, 1937, Princess Juliana married Prince Bernard, who was conferred with the title of Prince of the Netherlands.

Royals (*con't*)

English Royalty George VI



King George VI on horseback, saluting.

George VI was born in Sandringham, on December 14, 1895 and at birth was given the name of Prince Albert, Duke of York.

Following the abdication of his elder brother, Edward, he ascended to the British throne in December of 1936, and took the name of King George VI.

Durso produced this figure of George VI in 1939.

His reign saw not only the tide of World War II sweep across Europe, but also social changes and constitutional harmony in Britain which he strived very hard to achieve.

George VI died, where he was born, in Sandringham, on February 6, 1952.

Rwanda Royalty King Mutara III



King of Rwanda

Mutara Rudahigwa Charles Leon-Pierre was born in Nyanza in 1911 and was crowned King of Rwanda by the Belgian colonial administration, when his father Yuki Musinga was dismissed by the same administration in 1931.

No history of Durso "Royalties" would be complete without the King of Rwanda. Durso made this figure in 1962.

Among his achievements were the abolishment of slavery, and his fight for the ultimate independence of his country. In 1955, King Baudouin paid him an official visit.

Mutara III died on July 25, 1959.

Web Site

The authors invite our readers to visit the Durso web site at: <http://users.skynet.be/DURSO>

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The State (Coronation) Coach, Royalty depicted in their Coronation garb and Coronation Chairs (Throne) some issued as pencil sharpeners, have been covered in this and past issues of OTS(N). Most other souvenir items came in the form of Busts in Silver, Gilt, Gold or Bronze finish as was the case with a number of miniature figures of Royalty not consistent with the 54mm standard Toy Soldier size.

Rare because of their limited production runs, they are usually found in curio or china cabinets having been purchased, displayed with pride at the time of whichever event they were purchased for and then forgotten.

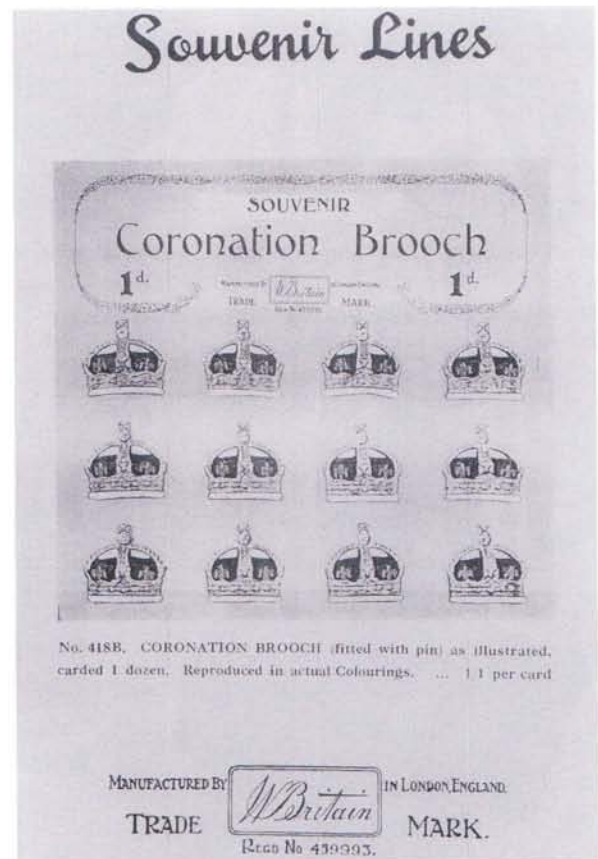
One of the most comprehensive collections of these souvenir type figurines was owned by Arnold Rolak whose collection was auctioned at Christies two years ago. Many of the following illustrated items are from Arnold's former collection.

Coronation Crown Brooch souvenirs were issued by Britains and Johillco, but the most famous range of souvenir figures was that produced by Britains exclusively for Madame Tussauds Wax Museum in London during the 1930s.

Pixyland owned by RH Lewis a London company of the same era also supplied Tussauds from time to time.**



Britains Special Souvenir
Catalog Cover for the
1937 Coronation.



Britains point of sales card
for their Coronation Brooch
(Pin) 1937.

ROYAL SOUVENIRS (con't)



Britains Coronation Brooch (Pin) And an example contained within a Souvenir box along with a bottle of Coronation anointing oil. 1937. Courtesy The Arnold Rolak reference collection.



Very Rare- Unidentified King Edward The 7th – Gilt with original box typical of those sold in Penny Bazaars during the early nineteen hundreds. Courtesy Lou Sandbote.



Britains Very Rare – Gilt King Edward the 7th in Field Marshall's Uniform 45mm scale dated 1902 and allocated catalog #13 in the souvenir range.



Britains King Edward the Seventh And Queen Alexandra Busts dated 1902.



Britains slightly modified version of King Edward the Seventh and Queen Alexandra.



Britains King Edward the Seventh Gilt Bust three and five eighths in height Dated August 1902.



Rare. Renvoise King Edward the Seventh Gilt Bust and a Gilt Coronation Chair Dated 1902.



Britains King George the Fifth Bust in Silver finish with Queen Mary in copper finish.

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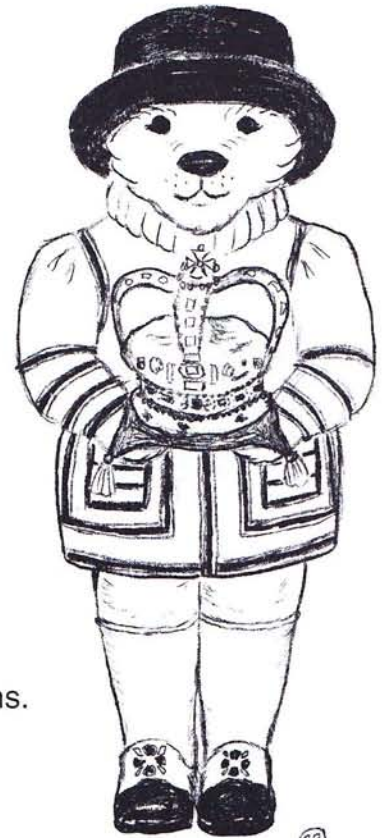


Britains King George the Fifth And Queen Mary in Gilt finish.

Rare Britains King George the 5th From the miniature 'D' series 55D, And a Bust of the future Queen Mary In Gilt finish, named Princess of Wales.



Johillco Rare Edward the Eighth (left) and Edward as "Our Smiling Prince" 1936/1937.



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QUEEN ELIZABETH: "COLONEL-IN-CHIEF" - UPDATE

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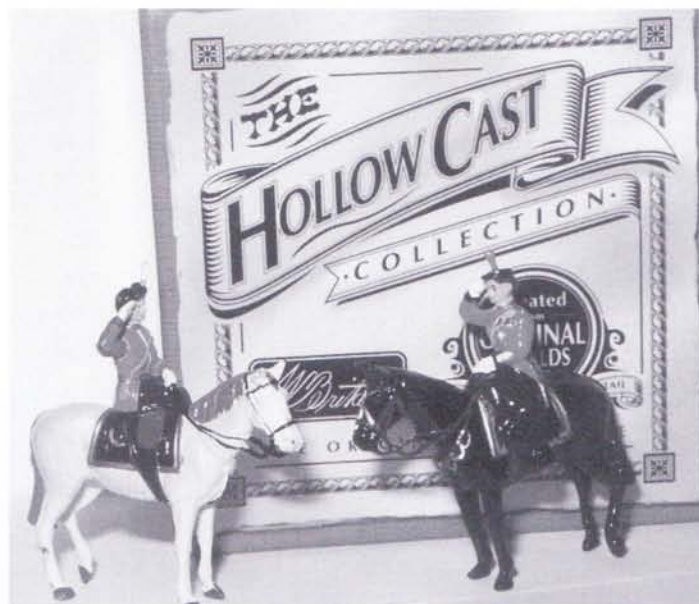
Since this article was first published, documenting various makers' interpretation of the Queen mounted in salute in the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief of the Guards, several additional pieces of information have been added.

The first #2065, Her Majesty mounted on a white horse rather than the typical and more common brown. The reason for this color variation is not known. It has been speculated that she rode a white horse when reviewing troops in Canada, though this seems to be one of those unconfirmed urban legends of the hobby. Additionally, Britains Ltd. re-released in 2001 the hollowcast figure of the mounted Elizabeth on a black favorite "Burmese" as part of their experimental "hollowcast" range using old molds with an up-graded paint scheme and heroic packaging. This figure complements but does not replace the somewhat larger version (on a black horse) produced by Britains Ltd. for their "Ceremonial" range (formerly "New Metal"). Since the original article, the author has not seen any other new releases depicting HM in the Guards uniform, perhaps because she no longer reviews the Guards from Horseback.



Britains Set #2065 HM The Queen
Colonel-in-Chief.
The Grenadier Guards rare white
horse version.

Britains recently released "new"
hollowcast figure (right).



QUEEN ELIZABETH: "COLONEL-IN-CHIEF" - UPDATE (con't)

Lou Sandbute submitted the following photographs showing HM The Queen manufactured by Holgar Eriksson.



Unidentified 30 mm scale HM the Queen and Two Mounted Princes



30 mm HM Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip by Holgar Eriksson



54 mm Holger Eriksson Figure sold as a casting of behalf of Erikssons Widow by Ake Wistrand painted by Chris Bartlett

To complete the update examples of Timpo figures with original box and a bronze version by the same company.

*Noble a short lived company operating out of north London in the early nineteen fifties issued a mounted Queen in slightly smaller scale as did the firm of Saeul. Both are removable from their mounts (not illustrated). While Benbros produced the item illustrated using the same box label but with the Queen fixed on her horse as a one-piece casting.



Timpo HM Queen Elizabeth with original box.



Timpo bronze finish version.



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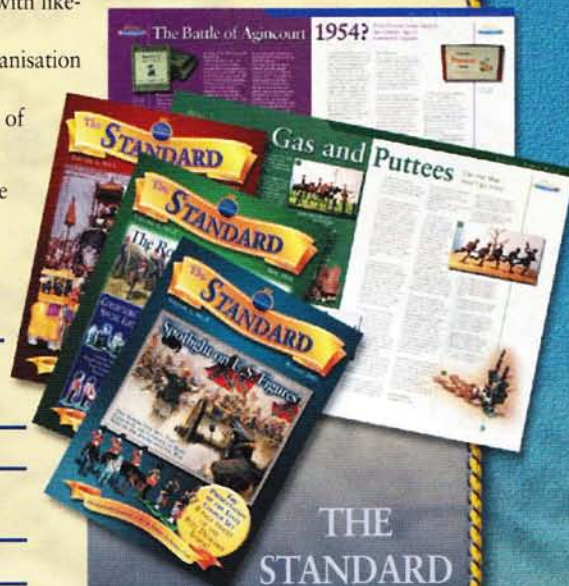
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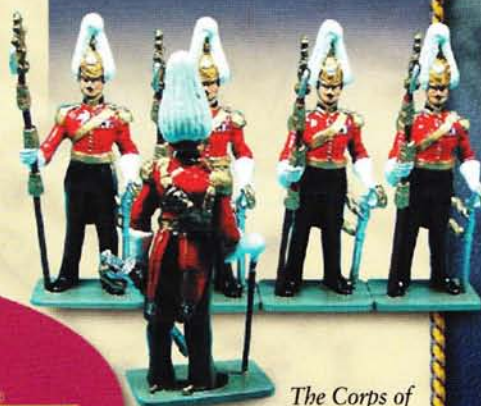
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By Will Beierwaltes.

Since the original issue of this series on the Royal State Coach, few new versions have surfaced. The first is the 1977 reissue of the 1953 model of the coach for the Silver Jubilee by Crescent. This version is about 25mm scale, and came packaged in a special clear plastic Silver Jubilee dust case. The other is an unusual and very nicely detailed model of the coach by Matchbox for the 40th Anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth in 1992, complete with souvenir packaging. Interestingly, this is a unique and more delicate model, which does not duplicate either of the two versions of the Coach produced by Lesney/Matchbox for the '53 coronation.



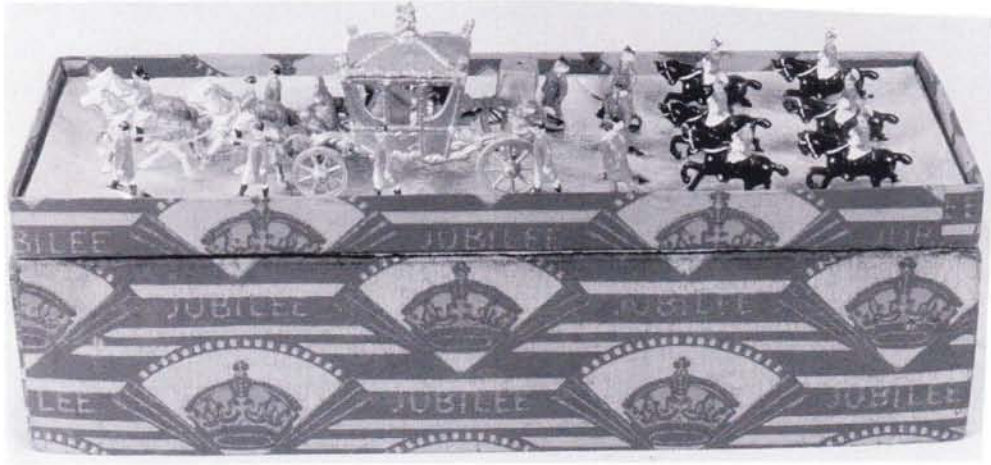
Crescent 25mm Scale Royal State Coach



Matchbox Royal State Coach

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Johillco produced a State Coach in 1935 in 25mm scale to commemorate the Jubilee of that year. Again as recorded in the royalty in coronation robes article in this issue that John Hill and Company were ahead of Britains in production techniques.



Johillco Royal State Coach issued in 1935. This box displays the coach and attendants with household cavalry escort.



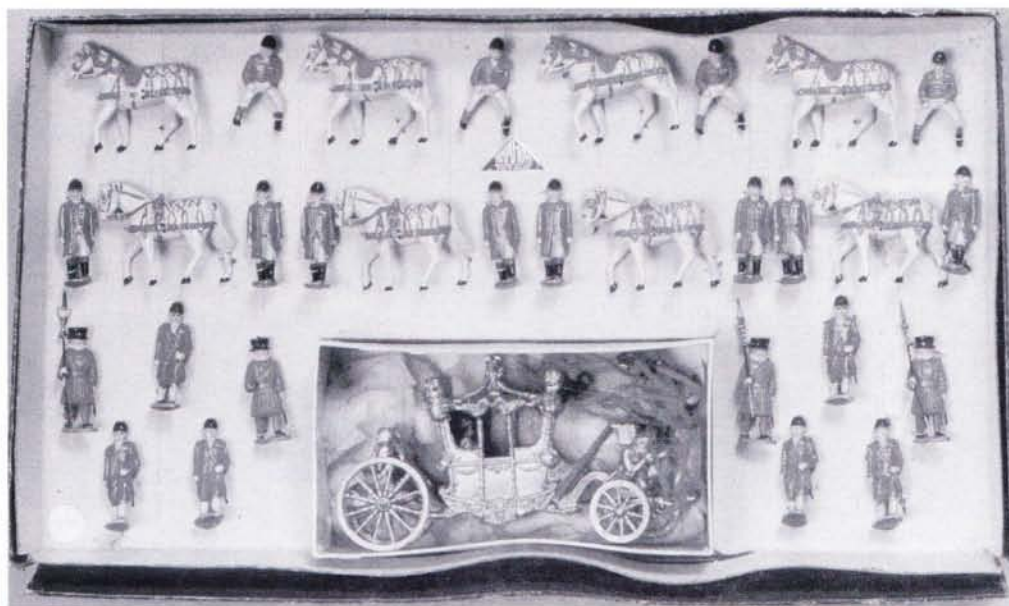
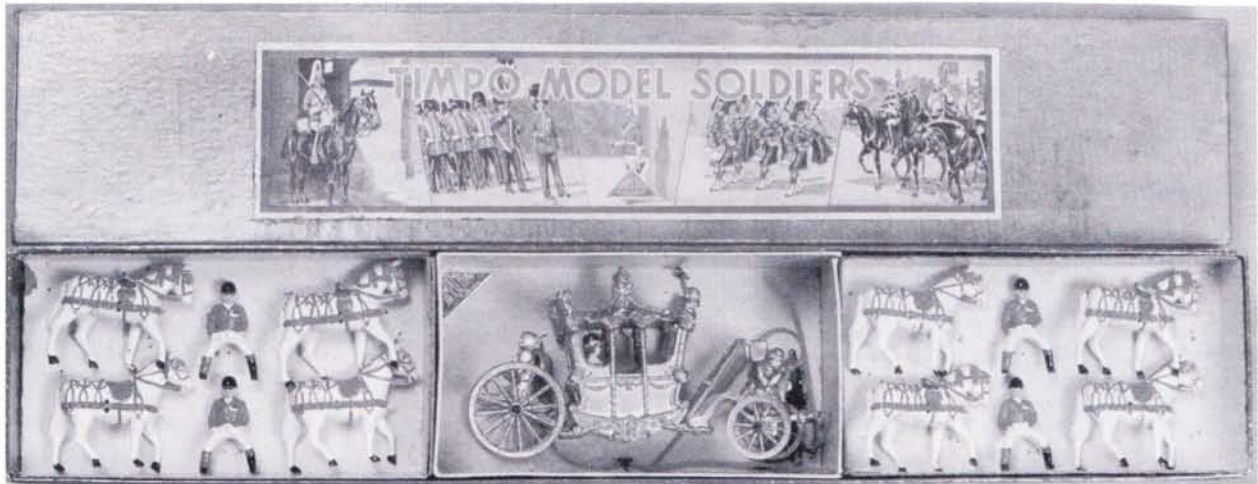
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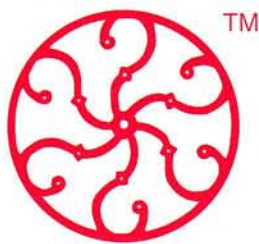
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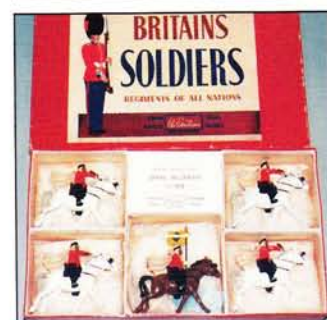
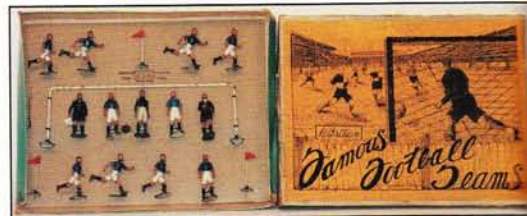
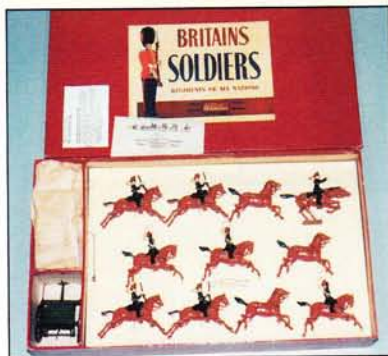
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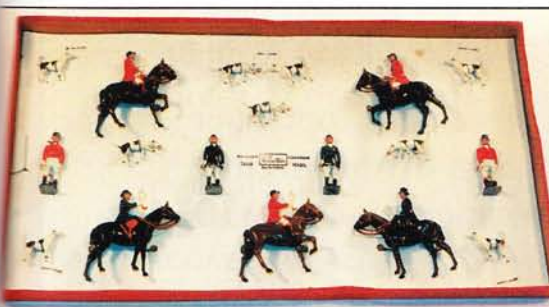
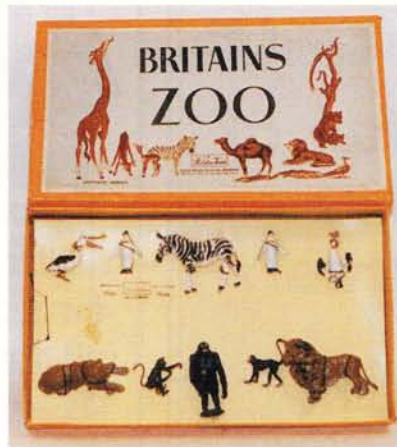
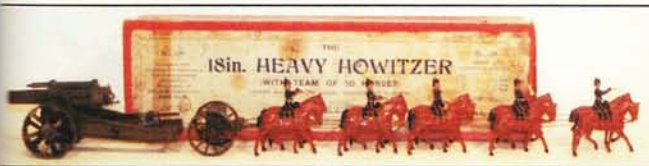
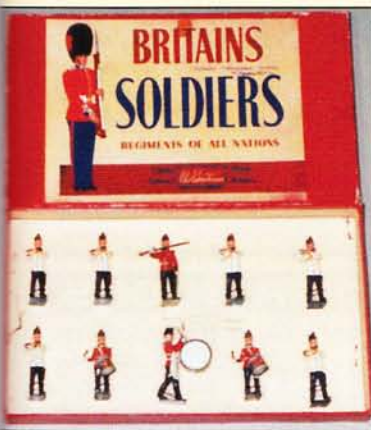
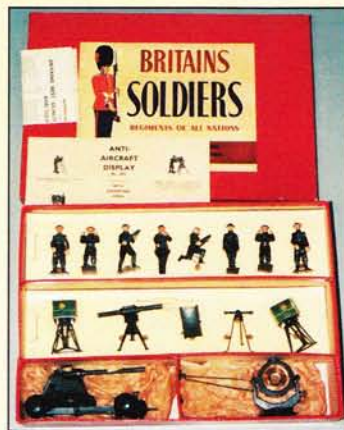
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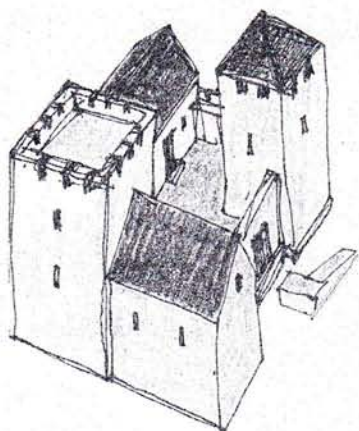
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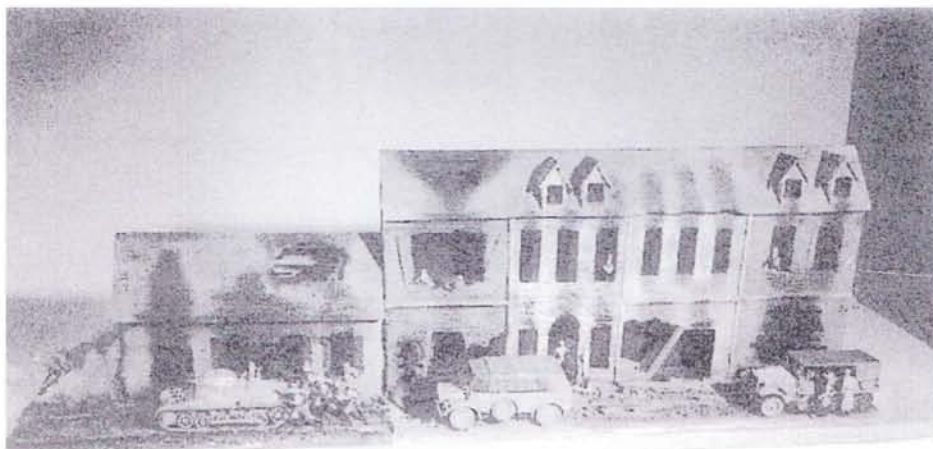


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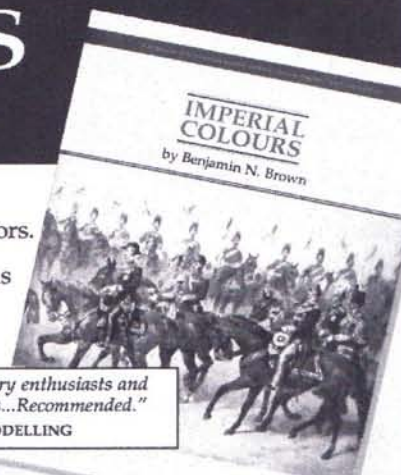
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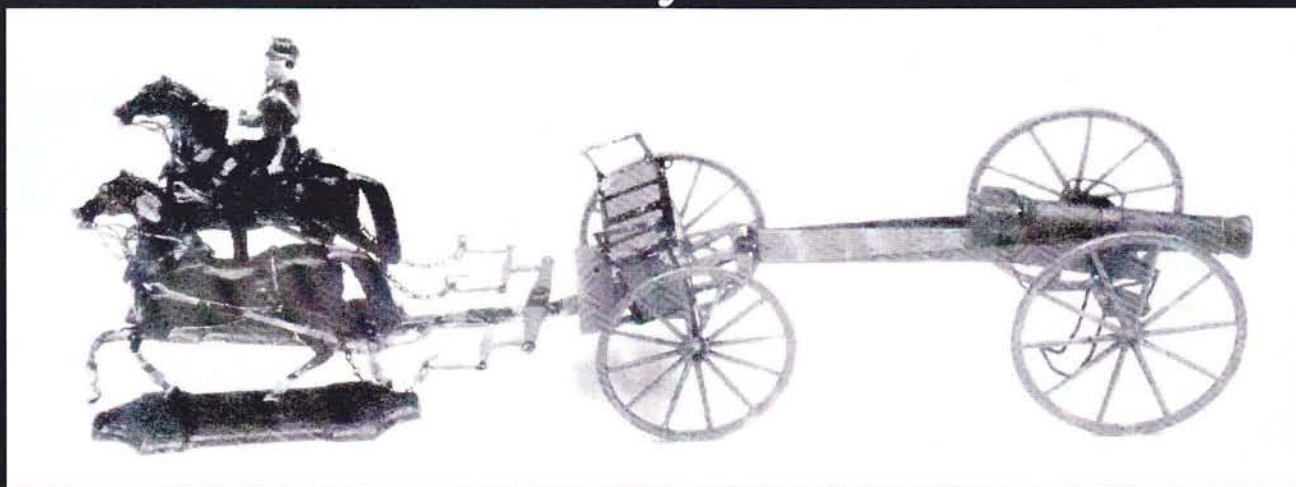
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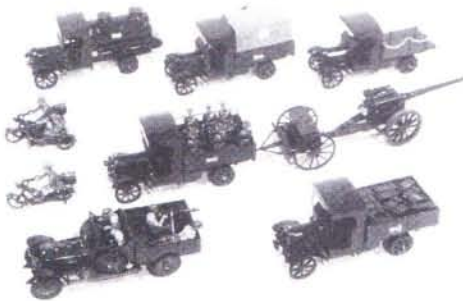
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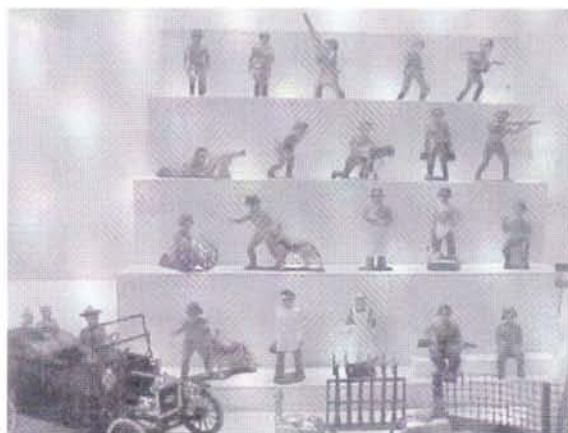


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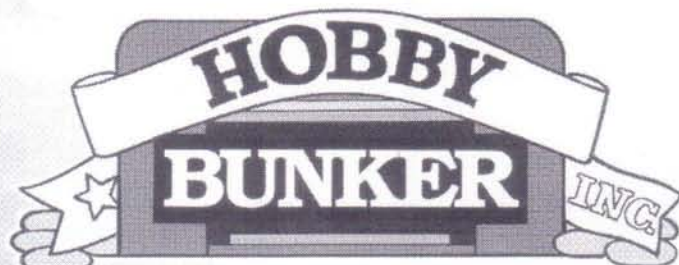
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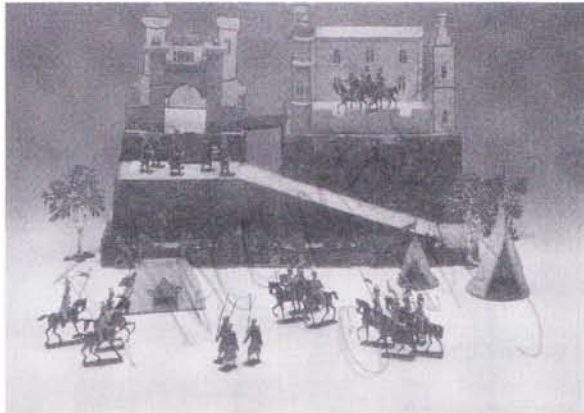
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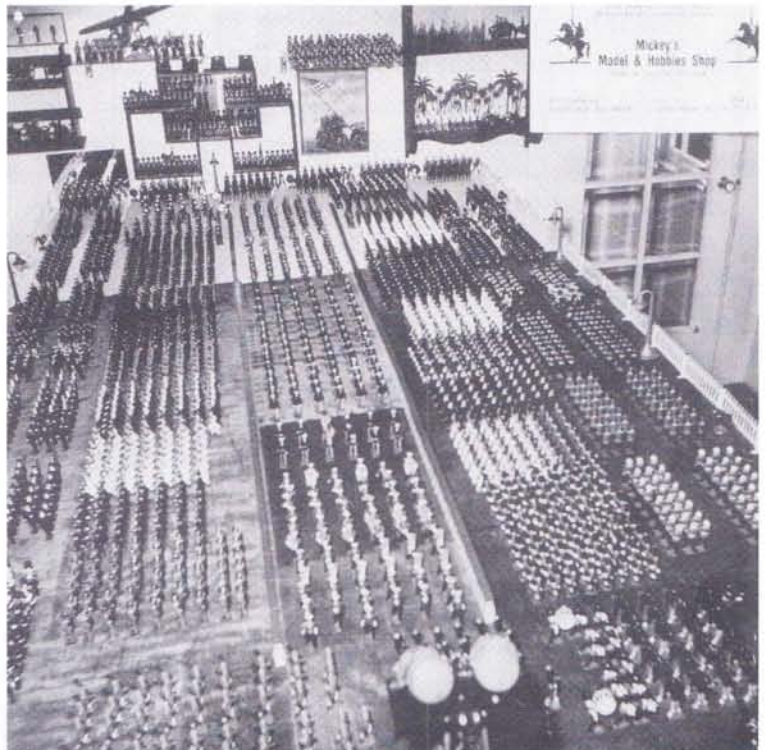
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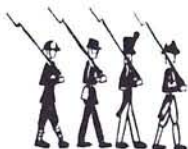
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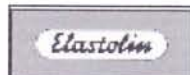
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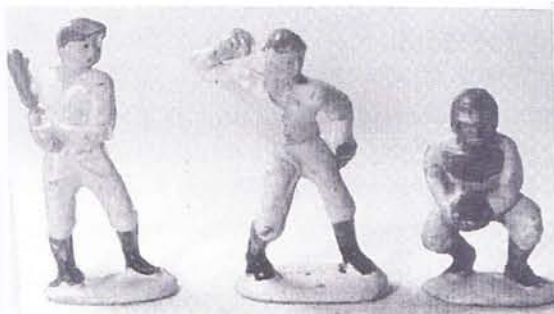
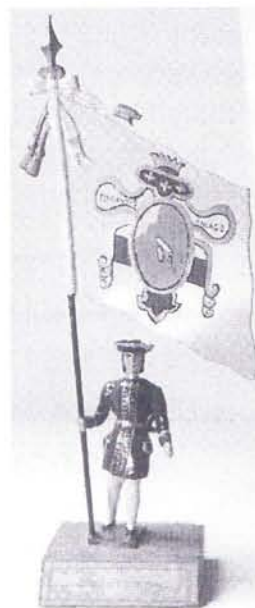
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May 4 – Sunday. Connecticut Toy Soldier Muster, Show and Sale 10am-4pm. Ramada Inn Bradley,5 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Windsor Locks, CT. Located at juncture of RT 20 & Rt75 off I-91 (Exit 40). Contact Daniel Karppinen (917) 864 4755

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